

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday: Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong southerly and westerly winds, partly cloudy, with occasional rain or sleet.

Princess—Under Cover. Royal—The Noted Miss Lisle. Dominion—A Romantic Adventure. Pantages—Vanderbilt. Columbia—Terror Island. Romano—One Hour Before Dawn. Variety—Open Your Eyes.

# SEASON'S MEETINGS EXTENDED TO ALL

## Report Deals With Consolidation of Railroad Systems

### President Kelley Covers Economies Effected By Co-ordination of Operation of Grand Trunk and Canadian National Roads Since November Last.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press)—President Howard Kelley of the Grand Trunk, who is chairman of the committee of management appointed under the Grand Trunk Acquisition Act, has made a report to Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways, covering economies effected in the co-ordination of the operation of the Grand Trunk and Canadian National systems up to November 30 last.

#### Difficulties Faced.

Although much has been accomplished in the process of consolidation there are still many matters under consideration in connection with which there are legal or physical difficulties which must be dealt with before parallel trackage can be abandoned and more direct connections established which will permit a further considerable saving in train mileage. Capital expenditure connected with the consolidation of facilities to date amount to \$508,474, at an annual cost of \$75,927. But this expenditure will result in saving annually estimated at \$965,775. In addition there is a credit to capital account of Canadian National Railways from salvage of \$23,000.

A saving of over \$300,000 per annum is rendered possible by the routing of freight by Grand Trunk between Toronto and Napanee and by Canadian National between Napanee and Ottawa and Grand Trunk between Napanee and Montreal. Similarly a further saving of \$100,000 has been made possible by more economic routing of passenger traffic in Ontario.

In addition a saving of about a quarter of a million a year will result from the combining of Toronto passenger and freight terminal facilities and staffs. Thirty-two thousand dollars is saved by more direct handling of Toronto and Western Ontario freight destined to the northwest, and there is a saving of \$75,000 from the consolidation of express services. In this connection it has been necessary, owing to the growth of express business to put on a special train each way between Montreal and Toronto to handle express traffic solely. These are operated six days a week via the Grand Trunk and have afforded great relief to the regular passenger train service.

## ATHENS SPECULATIVE OVER AMBASSADORS

### Allied Ministers May Stay Until After Conference

Athens, Dec. 24.—There is much speculation as to how long the Allied Ministers will remain in the city, due to their notifying Premier Rallis that they would remain "for the moment," but without contact with the Government. One assumption is that they will stay here until after the conference of Allied Premiers at Nice.

Storms raging in the Mediterranean are preventing the departure of all vessels. Exchange is improving, the dollar now being valued at 13 drachmas.

## TO TIMES READERS

Next Monday The Times will begin the publication of a serial story entitled "Bull Dog Drummond," by Cyril McNeile, a brilliant young English writer, who under the nom de plume of "Sapper" has won high fame as a novelist in Great Britain and America. "Bull Dog Drummond" cannot be surpassed as a story of thrilling interest, and our readers should not fail to follow it from beginning to end. Watch for the opening chapter in The Times of Monday next.

## Bolshevik Leader Has Electrification Plan

London, Dec. 24.—A wireless dispatch received from Moscow says that Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik Premier, addressing the All-Russian Congress of Soviets, dealt in detail with measures for the economic restoration of the country. He declared that the restoration of transportation and of agricultural and industrial production was only possible if the Government's programme for electrification was realized. "An electrification plan," said Lenine, "has been elaborated, the financial cost of which is estimated at 1,500,000,000 gold rubles. We must provide the cost of electrification by concessions to foreign capital and exports of timber."

State Libraries. All existing libraries will be appropriated by the State and in the future it will be illegal for private individuals to acquire or continue to own a book.

## LORD BEATTY AT CABINET COUNCIL

### British Naval Position Considered at Downing Street Press Comment on the Question of Disarmament

London, Dec. 24.—Lord Beatty attended a Cabinet Council held yesterday at Downing Street when the naval position in its various aspects was considered. Referring to speeches by Mr. Balfour and Premier Lloyd George on the League of Nations, The Westminster Gazette says: "Mr. Balfour touched very lightly upon the question of disarmament, which is a delicate matter for the League in these early days, but all nations are filled by the frank speech of the Prime Minister, which comes almost as an echo of his deliverances in past days. Without America and Germany within the League most of the talk about disarmament must remain in the air; with them included, all steps are practicable."

#### American Policy.

It would be a foolish course to disguise the fact that the project for a vastly increased navy for the United States is a source of disquiet. The feeling may be unwarranted, but that it exists is beyond all question. The matter is one wholly for the American people. If they are determined to build, they must go their way, but nothing is more certain than that the creation of a great American fleet, however pacific its purpose, will arouse both doubts and fears in other quarters of the world and will lead to building competition. "So far as the country is concerned, we have expressed our view that we should not be tempted in any circumstances to regard America as a possible opponent. A clash between the two nations is unthinkable, if only because it would be the extinction of civilization in the world; but this is not a matter between any two nations."

Arming on a great scale in any quarter of the world must mean the starting of competition that will beggar all nations and bring us all to disaster that navies are intended to provide against.

"The one hope of rescue from that position is in the way of a treaty from this time onward it should be the work of the citizens of all nations to make that body more comprehensive and more powerful, for in its successful working lies the future of mankind."

## NO POWER TO STEM TIDE OF IMMIGRATION

### Great Movement From Europe to America Pending

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Vladimir Grossmann, a Danish journalist of Copenhagen, who is touring Canada studying immigration and colonization, in an interview here yesterday spoke of the pending great movement of Europeans to the North American continent. "There is no power existing to stem this tide," he said. "It is impossible to build a wall between the Old World and the New." Grossmann said that the Europeans who would emigrate to America, were tired economically and were searching for rest. They would go on the lands. He suggested that Danish Scandinavian farmers be encouraged to come to Canada, as they were good agricultural workers.

## COSTLY BRIDGE TO SPAN SYDNEY HARBOR

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 24.—The Government proposes to invite bids throughout the world for the construction of a bridge over Sydney Harbor. The estimated cost of the bridge is \$2,500,000.

## TAX REMOVAL HAS SALUTARY EFFECT

### Already Signs of Business Improvement

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Cancellation of the luxury taxes has had a salutary effect, according to advices received by the Government. Already business is showing signs of improvement. The unemployment situation continues bad, but there is every hope that the next week or two will see the worst of it over. At a special meeting of the Cabinet Council held yesterday afternoon there was a long discussion of the unemployment problem and details were considered of the proposed plan of assistance, in co-operation with provincial and municipal authorities. The Government has been notified, already has been notified by a large number of local authorities of their desire for Federal co-operation. Two provincial governments, Ontario and British Columbia, have taken a similar step. "What the cost of the scheme to the Federal treasury is likely to be there is as yet no reliable data available, but expectation is expressed in official circles that the cost will not be large."

## COMMERCIAL TREATY ARRANGED BETWEEN BELGIUM AND BRAZIL

Washington, Dec. 24.—A commercial treaty between Brazil and Belgium has been completed whereby credit amounting to \$14,250,000 is opened to the Belgian Government at the Bank of Brazil, the Department of Commerce is informed.

## Government Gains Seat By Grand Forks Recount

### Great Interest Taken In Count of Absentee Votes Throughout Province; Cranbrook Secure For Dr. King; New Returns.

The gain of Grand Forks by the Liberals as a result of the tally of the absentee vote, is the most notable result so far known of the count-in-progress throughout the Province supplementary to the poll for the fifteenth Legislature on December 1.

The Liberal candidate, E. C. Henniger, was four votes behind J. McKee, the Opposition candidate on the tally made on polling day at Grand Forks, but as a result of the recount and addition of the absentee votes Mr. Henniger has now a lead of nine.

In Government circles also great satisfaction is felt at the safe majority of 38 which Hon. J. H. King has received in Cranbrook, thereby assuring the return of every member of the Oliver administration.

Assuming that the tallies now in progress do not further change the aggregates known, the Government will have a party of 26 in the next house, the Conservative Opposition 14, and there will be seven independents.

In Victoria. Definite results in the Provincial election so far as Victoria is concerned still remain in doubt, the slow process of counting the 87 ballot boxes necessitated by the Conservative demand for a recount promising to take until the end of December. An adjournment will be taken at 7 o'clock to-night, and the recount will begin again Monday morning. The counting of Ward One ballot boxes and three of Ward Two was completed at noon to-day, and since the counting started J. E. Clearhue has had his lead of 156 reduced by eleven. This is about the only change in the recount so far.

There were 375 absentee ballots cast for the Saanich Riding, in which the first count gave F. A. Pauline a lead of 87.

Two thousand and five is the total of absentee ballots cast outside Vancouver and to be credited to candidates running in this city in the recent Provincial election. The absentee ballots cast in Vancouver for outside points numbered 2,355, and were sent to their respective localities immediately following the election.

Those returns received up to today are: (Concluded on page 15.)

#### ORGANIZER APPOINTED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—R. B. Russell, labor leader, recently released on parole, has been appointed as general organizer for the One Big Union for the Winnipeg district.

#### NO ISSUE TO-MORROW

There will be no issue of The Times to-morrow on account of Saturday being Christmas Day.

## Resumption of Trade Relations With Russia Affected By Judgment

London, Dec. 24.—Sir Robert Horne, in his statement in the House of Commons on trading relations with Russia, referred to a judgment delivered in the London courts this week by Justice Roche which is important as clarifying the legal position from the English viewpoint as regards the Russian Soviet Government.

#### Contract Invalidated.

The facts of the case heard by Justice Roche were that timber belonging to a Russian firm was confiscated in 1918 by the Soviet. In August this year, Krassin, the Soviet's commercial agent in this country, disposed of this timber by contract to a firm in this country. When part of the goods arrived in England the original owners claimed it and by Justice Roche's judgment were declared to be the owners. This contract was made under seal of "the agents of the Soviets of the people's commissaries" and practically the judgment invalidates all such contracts made by Krassin, or on his behalf, if it can be proved that the goods in question had been seized by the Soviet for their rightful owners, or even if produced on the soil from which the raw materials had been exported as Soviet property. No Legal Status. The point to be decided by Justice Roche was, if the Soviet decreed that

## BIG SEIZURE OF ARMS EFFECTED IN COUNTY CORK

Dublin, Dec. 24.—One of the largest seizures of arms and ammunition of recent months was made by the military yesterday in a raid near Fermoy, County Cork, where there is a big garrison of troops. Thirty-three rifles and shotguns, five revolvers, twelve bombs and 2,220 rounds of ammunition were taken, in addition to a quantity of military equipment, explosives and documents.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Hon. S. F. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture, this afternoon received the following telegram from Ottawa in regard to the unemployment situation: "Dominion Government will extend one-third relief for unemployed situation, but this is not applicable to one-third assistance in carrying out Public Works in cities, but only in the form of assistance to be granted for immediate relief towards the relief of needy families."

Dr. Tolmie explained that this means that the Dominion Government will contribute in the shape of money one-third with cities and Provincial Governments towards the relief of needy families.

## CRITICISM LEVELLED AT WHEAT EMBARGO

New York, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press)—Referring to the embargo Tariff Bill now before Congress, the Wall Street Journal this morning remarks that that legislative body "is in that dangerously psychological state when it is nervously anxious to quiet clamorous demands that it shall do something."

"That something," the paper goes on, "is founded on the entirely false idea that anything Congress does in an emergency is better than nothing. Too many of our people and especially our farmers, have failed to see that emergency legislation of the 'do something' variety, has in the past been worse than nothing, because, in practice it has been positively mischievous."

"The last thing in the world an embargo on Canadian wheat, or a protective duty imposed now, will do to advance the world price. That price may advance on its merits in the near future, although our farmers' weak bull pool in wheat is still hanging over the market, but any such rally will be irrespective of tariff legislation which can do nothing to affect the present unsold crop."

"Second thoughts are best, especially in Legislatures. Popular clamor is generally wrong or right for the wrong reason. Perhaps Congress may forebear to make Christmas any bluer than it is."

## B.C. SURPLUS SOLDIER PROBLEM IS DENIED

### Mr. Meighen Telegraphs That 16,000 Fewer Returned

Premier Meighen in a telegram to-day to Premier Oliver denied statements commonly made that British Columbia has more than its share of returned soldiers, as more are reported to have been discharged here than the number who enlisted from this Province.

Premier Meighen says that 51,428 men enlisted here and only 35,822 were discharged here, according to official records.

"Vancouver Conditions Better." There is also no unemployment in Vancouver now than during the Winter before the war, Premier Meighen declares.

In reply to telegrams during the last week from Premier Oliver asking details of the Dominion's appropriation to relieve distress here and urging the Dominion to do something to help out returned soldiers who are now in need, because of the surplus number of discharged here, Premier Meighen telegraphed:

"Explains Dominion Offer." Referring to your telegram of December 20, just received on my return, the Dominion Government has assumed full responsibility for the compensation of disabled men to the extent of the disability caused by the war.

"The unemployment question is another matter, and though normally such local conditions are a subject for local attention, the Federal Government has this year undertaken, that for such relief as may be absolutely unavoidable after Municipal, Provincial and Federal Governments and employers generally have provided all employment possible, to contribute one-third of the actual money disbursed in relief aside from administration, provided the Municipality or Province or both contribute the other two-thirds, with the municipality establishing the organization." (Concluded on page 15.)

## Ruth Gordon, With Both Legs Broken, Happy at Christmas

Chicago, Dec. 24.—With both legs broken and in plaster casts, Mrs. Gregory Kelly, known on the stage as Ruth Gordon, to-day was looking forward to her happiest Christmas in several years. "I am gappy because my legs are broken," she smilingly asserted to-day. She had them broken by a surgeon in an effort to fulfill a desire to have straight legs, according to her admission. "I was bowlegged and now they are straight," she said. "I was walking in a store and I saw a pair of legs coming toward me—a mirror. They were so funny—I laughed and when I got close I found they were mine," she declared.

## City to Commence Programme of Wood Cutting On Monday

### Civic Authorities Negotiate With Both Governments For Help to Start Big Relief Sewer Programme; Meanwhile Will Relieve Distress With Food.

Called together this morning in an emergency session to consider the present unemployment situation here, the civic Finance Committee decided:

(1) To give relief in the form of food and clothing to every person who is in actual distress and who has been unable to obtain work, this programme of relief to continue "during the present crisis."

(2) To employ every man who has been unable to secure other work, in cutting wood on the beaches about the city, this wood to be purchased by the civic authorities at \$3 a cord and sold to the public.

(3) To proceed with rock work on the Johnson Street extension as previously decided.

## AUSTRALIAN PREMIER URGES START NOW

### Criticism of Lloyd George's Emigration Speech

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Another View. Another type of critic is opposed to the whole principle of State-aided immigration. The London Star, which claims to speak for the English anti-coalition radicals and Labor, charges Lloyd George with "trifling with the old exploded nostrum of emigration within the Empire."

It recalls working-class hostility to similar schemes in 1884 and adds, "These delusions apparently come in cycles like comets and other meteors. Emigration on a large scale means the export of strong, healthy, energetic and industrious citizens, who are the very people needed at home."

## TURKEY BANISHED FROM PRISON FARE

### High Cost Disappoints Ottawa Jail Inmates

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press) Jail life here is to be real punishment to-morrow when for the first time since the Carleton County battle was established, there will be no Christmas turkey. Old H.C.L. came along just at the moment when officials were planning the Christmas fare for their wards and boosted the price of turkey to 65 cents a pound. Hence the guests of His Majesty will have to be satisfied with roast lamb as the chief edible on their Yuletide menu. Some consolation is afforded, however, in a rumor that there might be a "little something" in the sauce which goes with the plum pudding. Bacon and eggs are also to be served for breakfast.

## Over Four Thousand Unemployed in Toronto

Toronto, Dec. 24.—A "mass meeting" of workless people was called by the Grand Army of United Veterans in Queen's Park here yesterday and about 300 responded to the call. The small gathering adjourned to the Labor Temple, where some local labor leaders addressed them. A resolution was passed asking the City Council to provide a hall in which the unemployed could hold meetings.

Added to the names of four thousand men previously registered with the civic bureau were 271 new names yesterday, 167 of them latter being returned soldiers. The seriousness of the situation is generally recognized.

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## LABOR MINISTER TO APPOINT ARBITER

### Inquiry Into Famous "Hanna Order" to Proceed

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press)—The management of the Canadian National Railways has notified the Minister of Labor—that it will not name a person to represent it on the Board of Conciliation which was established to deal with the dispute between the employees and management over the Hanna order. In accordance with the provisions of the statute, the Minister having received this notification, will go ahead and appoint a person to act as chairman. David Campbell, of Regina, was appointed to represent the employees. The dispute which involves practically all the employees of the Canadian National system, members of fourteen different trades unions, results from an order issued by D. B. Hanna, President of the Canadian National system, which has the effect of dismissing any employee who accepts nomination, either Federal or Provincial. The employees are demanding reinstatement of employees dismissed as a result of the order.

## NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

All changes of advertisements must be delivered to the office of The Times before 8 p.m. on the day previous to publication. Copy submitted after that time will be held until the following day. This requirement is necessary in order that delay in the production of the paper may be avoided, as our patrons desire to obtain their copies as early as possible each day. This will be true much in the interest of the advertisers as in that of the paper, and we will appreciate their co-operation in facilitating the improvement. The Times business office is open daily until 8 p.m.

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### MUCH LIQUOR ENTERS WESTERN PROVINCES

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—More than ten times as much liquor as a year ago is now being brought into western Canada in carload lots, it was authoritatively stated yesterday. A quarter of the carload shipments coming into the West remain in Winnipeg and with few exceptions it is hard stuff.

month are now being handled into Winnipeg for local use and distributing centres throughout the provinces of the West, including British Columbia, to say nothing of express shipments which are especially heavy in anticipation of "high" observance of the festive season. Increased shipments are partly traceable, it is stated, to preparation against the indefinite period of drought expected to commence in Manitoba in January.

Bless the O.T.A.—A St. Thomas lady rejoices that for the first time in twelve years of married life she has no trouble with her furnace. Her husband goes down to the cellar several times nightly to attend to it.

### GREEK DECORATIONS

#### FLATLY REFUSED

Heads of Allied Missions at Athens Snub King

Athens, Dec. 24.—Admiral Kelly, head of the British naval mission here, was summoned unexpectedly by King Constantine, who presented him with the Grand Cordon of the Royal Order of the Savior, in conformity with his Government's instructions. Admiral Kelly informed the Greek Government that he was unable to accept the decoration, and returned the insignia.

The French legation, which was sounded regarding presentation of the same decoration to Admiral Grammat, head of the French mission, dissuaded the Greek Government from persisting in its offer.

Premier Kallis, it is understood, has definitely tendered his resignation as a result of the refusal of Admiral Kelly, head of the British naval mission here, to accept the grand cordon of the Royal Order of the Savior.

Dr. Sicilliano, head of the political bureau of the Foreign Office, said to-day he had been nominated Minister to the United States. He stated that he would go to America early in January.

Dr. Sicilliano, who is 40 years old, several times was imprisoned by the Venizelists. He declared the Greeks were determined to lose all, even to their lives, to keep their king.

Edward Capps, American Minister, and Major Martin C. Shallenberger, military attaché, called at the King's palace and signed their names on the visitors' book. They were accompanied to the palace by the Brazilian Minister, and it was explained that the action was inspired by courtesy and was not the result of instructions from Washington.

While being carried in action during the colors were hit by a bullet, which penetrated them five times, and on another occasion, the staff was struck by shrapnel. So worn were the colors when sent to Lady Ramsay that they could scarcely hold together.

The colors will be returned to the famous regiment, now at Winnipeg.

### PRINCESS PATRICIA'S COLORS TO ENGLAND

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—The colors of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, carried by the regiment throughout the war, have been sent to the Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Ramsay, formerly Princess Patricia of Connaught, at Clarence House, for a reproduction which she will personally make.

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### TELEPHONE WIZARD HAS NEW INVENTION

St. John, Dec. 24.—The announcement of the completion of a new invention which, however, he declined to describe, was made to-day by Professor Alexander Graham Bell, father of the telephone, upon his arrival here on the liner Empress of France.

Professor Graham Bell is returning from a visit to his birthplace in Scotland. The Professor will go to his home in Baddeck, C. B., where he is to spend a portion of the Winter.

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## PROROGATION OF BRITISH HOUSE

King's Speech Reviews Many Vital Questions

London, Dec. 24.—The speech from the throne on the occasion of the prorogation of Parliament at midnight last night, after references to the continued friendly relations with friendly powers, alluded to the Greek difficulty, and declared that the Government would endeavor to reach a solution compatible with their joint responsibilities. The situation with respect to Russia was described as still unsettled and obscure, and the King expressed the hope that trade would shortly commence with Russia and lead to an era of peace, greatly needed by the suffering people of Eastern Europe.

"It is of the highest importance," the speech continued, "that Poland and her neighbors should compose a political difference and devote their undivided energies to producing internal stability and to the task of economic reconstruction."

The distribution of the mandates and other work of the Assembly of the League of Nations were taken up, and the Assembly was declared hereby a "shown" sense and outrage, and the King expressed his confidence in its membership by admitting two late enemies.

"It is my earnest hope," added the speech, "that to the spirit of harmony and goodwill manifested at the Assembly is an augury of the value of the League as a force making for conciliation and peace throughout the world."

The speech referred with gratification to the success of the Prince of Wales's Imperial tour, and regretted that the Prince was not able to inaugurate the new councils in India.

The promise was given that the Government would make every effort to reduce expenditures.

Irish Situation. Dealing with the subject of Ireland, the speech said: "The state of affairs in Ireland grieves me profoundly. I deplore the campaign of violence which has been waged, and I sympathize with the loyal servants of the crown who are endeavoring to restore peace and maintain order under conditions of unexampled difficulty and danger."

"It is my most earnest hope," that all sections of the people of Ireland will insist upon a return to constitutional methods, which alone can put an end to the terrible events which threaten to ruin that country and make possible no reconciliation and a lasting peace."

In announcing briefly the passage of the Home Rule Bill, the speech continued: "I sincerely hope that this act, the fruit of more than 30 years of ceaseless controversy, will finally bring about unity and friendship between all the people of my kingdom."

The King concluded by recounting the measures passed during the course of the parliamentary session. He referred to unemployment as the darkest cloud on the horizon, springing less from internal sources than from contraction of the export trade, arising out of the poverty of nations and their inability to secure credits. The Government, he said, was giving unremitting attention to this problem.

Unusual Session. The session was somewhat unusual. It was prorogued about 8 o'clock, but there was difficulty in adjusting the differences between the two Houses over the Agricultural Bill, which had been tossed about from Lords to Commons and from Commons to Lords throughout the evening.

Lords insisted on their amendments. The Government suffered four defeats in succession. In most of these cases, the House of Commons had to accept these amendments, to prevent the bill from becoming a dead letter.

### UNEMPLOYMENT VERY SERIOUS IN TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 24.—The central relief station reports that 18,064 individuals in the city of Toronto have asked for charity to tide them over present desperate conditions in which they find themselves. It is also announced that the unemployment situation in the city is "extremely serious."

Several thousand workless men and women yesterday afternoon attended a demonstration in Queen's Park where they were addressed by J. Harry Finn of the G.A.U.V. and various labor leaders.

### Weak, Nervous Children Quickly Gain Strength Under Following Plan

Nervousness, just like weakness, is a family predisposition. We inherit tendencies to disease just as we inherit physical resemblances. The strain of study, social duties, work at home—these all tend to make nervous troubles among children. No wonder that St. Vitus Dance, Epilepsy, and constant headaches have become alarmingly common. Pale, nervous, listless young people are met everywhere.

It is nothing short of criminal for parents to neglect signs of weakness in their children. By ignoring the slightest symptoms of nervous or mental strain, you may condemn your child to life-long invalidism. If any member of your family complains of headaches, fear of going into dark places, give them that wonderful tonic, "Ferrozone." Strength of mind and body, hardy nerves, ability to study with comfort, all the attributes of health quickly follow the use of "Ferrozone." It establishes strength, color, endurance, vim—does this by filling the whole system with nourishment and tissue-forming materials.

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## GERMANS SEE MISTAKE IN RUSSIAN POLICY

General von Hoffman Reviews Result of Bolshevism

Berlin, Dec. 24.—General Wilhelm von Hoffman, who played an important part in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations, declared in an interview in the Berlin Russian Daily that Bolshevism is a world problem now which can be solved only by armed intervention by the great powers in concert. An international army under the leadership of Foch, Joffre or Pershing, should occupy Petrograd, Gen. Hoffman said, then march on Moscow, which he asserted is bound to fall before a well-equipped and properly officered force.

With the occupation of Moscow, Trotsky and Lenin would be unhorsed and members of the whole regime, Gen. Hoffman predicts, would ask "safe conduct to pass the shortest way to oblivion."

He felt certain that the Russian workmen would be glad to desert their present leaders at the first indication of their overthrow.

"Moscow must be spoken to in the language of Brest-Litovsk, not in the language of Lloyd George in London," the general said.

The general continues: "To remodel Bolshevism is impossible. Any attempt to incorporate Bolshevism in the European concert would be wrong. Any trade relations with Russia would only furnish a cloak for red propaganda."

Trotsky has studied the history of the French revolution, and knows the use of the scourge. Under his system no man can rise to power from the army; the appearance of a Napoleon in Russia is out of the question.

"The crash of the soviet regime would inevitably be followed by a reign of unparalleled anarchy. The only thing that remains is armed intervention by the great powers. As chief of staff of the German East army during the war I directed the propaganda against the Russian army. The general staff naturally made use of every possible means to break through the Russian front. One of these means was poison gas; another was Lenin."

Lenine Tool. "The Imperial regime dispatched Lenin to Russia from the Swiss frontier in a sealed car for a definite purpose. With our consent, Lenin and his friends disorganized the Russian army. Von Kuchinann (Formerly German Secretary for Foreign Affairs), Count Czernin (Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister) and I then closed the Brest-Litovsk treaty so that we could throw our army against the west front. While in Brest we were convinced that the Bolsheviks could not hold power more than three weeks."

"In spite of the valuable services Trotsky and Lenin rendered, we neither knew nor foresaw the danger to humanity from the consequences of this journey of Bolshevists to Russia. At that time we weighed the matter with as little consideration as the Entente does now."

"Would the Allies, and especially Lloyd George, carry on negotiations and make concessions if they fully knew what Bolshevism represents."

General von Hoffman said that the army command later realized the danger, and a plan was laid before the supreme command of the eastern army for the overthrow of Bolshevism, but events developed so rapidly, following upon the assassination of Count von Mirbach, German ambassador to Russia in Moscow, and the situation on the west front had become so critical that it was impossible to force the issue.

### LADYSMITH HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS ENTERTAINED

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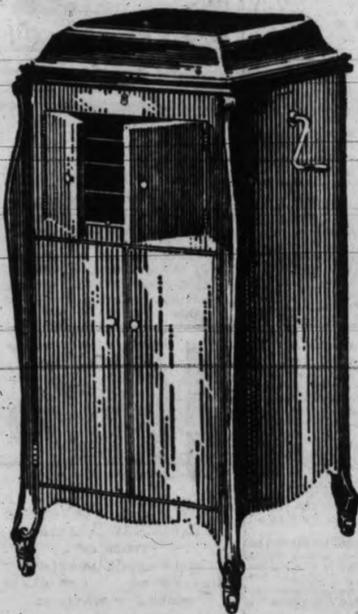
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### STRIKE DISORDERS

#### OCCUR IN BOMBAY

Indian Strikers Want Support of British Labor

Bombay, Dec. 24.—Indif. Information Bureau).—Three thousand strikers at a mill in the vicinity of Bombay, recently wrecked the office of the factory and stoned a motor car containing police, severely injuring one inspector and two soldiers. Before the police succeeded in dispersing the strikers, they took to looting shops. A number of arrests were made and the mill district is being picketed.

Minor disorders took place elsewhere in the city, some stoning of street cars being indulged in various places. The situation became serious enough for the Commissioner of Police to call the mounted police, who charged the crowd in a semi-circular fashion. The casualties have not been reported, but the crowd broke and fled. Wholesale arrests were soon after made, sixty men being taken into custody.

For more than two months now the city of Bombay has been witnessing a series of strikes in the mill industry, on the street cars, in gas works and the postal service. The tension has grown every day more serious, especially on account of Government refusal to arbitrate the various disputes. An all-India Trade Union Congress recently held in the foremost industrial city has given further impetus to the laboring ranks.

The Bombay strikers have sent a cable to London asking for financial support from the British Labor Movement for their cause.

Study of Jiu-Jitsu may soon be included in the curriculum of the Boston Police Department.

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### RETAILERS MUST DIG FOR TRADE, IS VIEW

Too Many Merchants Said to Be Pessimists

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 24.—Digging hard for business during the next few months will be the salvation of the country's retail trade, in the opinion of Thomas H. Brandon, of the Brandon-Durrell Company, dry goods, cloak, suit and millinery retailers of South Bend.

"The trouble throughout the country," he said, "is that too many merchants are pessimists and are always looking for and talking of hard times when they should be going after business that much harder. Our sales never were as large. Every month so far this year has shown a substantial increase over the same month a year ago, and 1919 showed a cash increase of sales over 1918 of between 20 and 30 per cent. I might say that in November cash sales surpassed those of

December, 1919, the largest previous month.

"As for Spring business, we are buying merchandise as we need it. In November we had our cloak buyer in the market a week at two different times. Within the next thirty days most of our force will be in the market. I am looking forward to a larger Spring business for our concern than we had a year ago. I believe that a great many people held off buying a year ago, especially in ready-to-wear, on account of the high prices. I believe that a general reduction has taken place, and the people knowing this, are satisfied, and will start buying again in the Spring.

The five cent meals offered to school children in Chicago by the Board of Education attract from 40,000 to 50,000 customers a day.

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**IMPROVING ITS POSITION.**

Although it was not expected that the absentee vote would alter the standing of the parties very materially the Government has improved its position in the House by the election of Mr. Henniger in Grand Forks where an Opposition majority of four on the first count has been converted into a final lead of nine for the Oliver contestant. Unless any other changes are brought about before the whole of the vote has been counted it is safe to assume that the Premier will commence the session next month with twenty-six straight Liberals and the probable support of at least three independent members as against an Opposition Party composed of fourteen. Four Independents may be regarded as somewhat doubtful and more likely to plough a lonely furrow than to throw in their lot with either of the recognized parties. In any case the change in Grand Forks assures to the Government ample support in all divisions and guarantees to the people of the Province a continuance of stable administration.

**THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNED.**

The manifesto issued by the Executive Committee of the Second International which met in London recently furnishes a striking commentary upon that body's attitude towards present day conditions in Russia and the part taken by the leaders of the Third, or Moscow, International in bringing them about.

It proceeds to say that the future of the World International is at stake. It declares that "what capitalism never succeeded in doing fanatical dogmatists have accomplished in our own camp. They have split the rock of proletarian unity from within. . . . We accuse the leaders of the Third International of demoralizing the workers. They trod the desires of the Russian people in the dust, and in place of democracy they established an armed dictatorship, not of the proletariat, but of a committee. Now they are attempting to impose their will and their decrees upon the Socialist and Labor Parties of the whole world."

This unique document expresses the view that the Moscow organization belongs to the old world of Czarism and not to the new world of Socialism. It charges the Third International with insulting twenty-seven millions of organized Trade Union workers by calling them "blacklegs." In place of what goes by the name of wage slavery the Second International declares that a system of State-slavery has been imposed upon the workers of Russia. Freedom of movement it considers has disappeared and the creation of an economic democracy has been hindered in consequence. Those who have signed the manifesto include Mr. Arthur Henderson and such men as Mr. Ramsay MacDonald for Great Britain and other prominent Labor Leaders of Europe.

The terms of the document indicate once more that Russia under the dictatorship of Lenin and Trotsky is looked upon as an outlaw among those who regard the principle of democracy as the antithesis of the interpretation with which Bolshevism has endowed it.

**UTILITY OF AIRCRAFT.**

Whatever may be the eventual development of commercial aviation nobody has suggested with any degree of seriousness that an aeroplane engaged in forestry patrol would be expected to carry even the most concentrated fire fighting equipment yet devised. An attack recently directed against the utility of the Jericho Air station in general and its conduct in particular

included an opinion from an anonymous critic that would appear to suggest the conversion of the average flying machine into something of the nature of a modern fire engine as the basic hope of usefulness and practicability of aerial patrol of British Columbia's forest areas. The idea is altogether too extravagant and need not be taken seriously. Quebec already has found the aeroplane a valuable addition to its forest protection service. There is no reason why this Province with its enormously valuable timber possessions should not find just as much benefit from this modern device as the ancient Province in the East. Scieptics of to-day are not required to take their memories back for more than a few years to review the tremendous development which has marked aerial experiment. In view of those marvellous achievements there is not an individual who may say with any certainty that the heavier than air machine and the dirigible will not be a very vital combination in the transportation world in less than a decade.

**STILL HOPE.**

Those who hoped for peace in Ireland for Christmas will be doomed to disappointment unless there is an eleventh hour development in the negotiations which are still in progress. Contrary to recent reports the temporary abandonment of parleys between the Prime Minister and representatives of the Sinn Fein was brought about by a litch and not a desire on the part of either side to the controversy to end the correspondence which already had begun to promise success. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the more influential members of the "Irish Parliament" will be able to restrain its insurgent wing over the festive season in order that the exploration of common ground upon which a truce may be established can continue.

**A PECULIAR PROTEST.**

It is difficult to understand exactly why the Building Trades Council of Windsor should object to that particular change in the Dominion's immigration law which demands that all foreigners entering the country shall be possessed of two hundred and fifty dollars before their admission to Canada shall be permitted. Members of the Council in question object to the erection of this barrier against the American artisan on the ground that retaliation by the United States ultimately would work a greater hardship on Canadians. If there were no unemployment across the border there would be logic in an argument for preferential treatment to Americans. But the prevailing industrial depression is peculiar to neither Canada nor the United States. It is a universal condition and it is absolutely necessary that restrictions shall be put upon the general movement of peoples at this stage. In a few months it may be possible to revise the schedule affecting financial qualification. To make fish of one and fowl of the other now would complicate the whole situation and contribute nothing towards its solution. Windsor's close proximity to a populous American area, where interchanges in many directions have been customary for so long, may be the origin of the protest. That is no reason why any serious attention should be paid to it.

**ALBERTA'S FEARS.**

According to The Calgary Herald the Attorney-General of Alberta—who was recently in conference with the Hon. J. W. de B. Farris for the purpose of learning something of the manner in which British Columbia proposes to enforce its liquor control measure—fears that the sale of alcoholic stimulants in this Province and the establishment of warehouses from which shipments may be made to other parts of the world will considerably dampen the "bone dry" state of Alberta. The head of the legal department of the neighboring Province virtually throws up his hands, however, when he contemplates the amount of illegal distilling which goes on in Alberta in spite of the control exercised by the Dominion Government. With British Columbia's new condition in mind he comes to the conclusion that it does not mat-

ter very much whether the people in his Province get liquor from this side of the Rockies or from the moonshiner on the other side. It is unfortunate that the laws of one Province should conflict so pointedly with those of another. But as long as British Columbia elects to remain damp a certain percentage of longing eyes will be directed this way from the East and South. How many thirsts are quenched in the dry areas with liquids from this Province will depend upon the vigilance of the officers of the law whose task should be lightened by those who enjoy the majority opinion for the time being.

**NOTE AND COMMENT**

To use a common expression the Oliver Government may now consider itself on "easy street" as far as the distribution of political power in the Legislature is concerned.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club and the citizens of Victoria for the excellent work accomplished in behalf of the needy are in order.

The question has arisen as to whether the Dominion Cabinet had the power to remove the luxury tax by means of an Order-in-Council. In the meantime the general public and Canada's business section has ceased to worry about the constitutionality of the Government's procedure.

Those seats which Mr. Bower expected to capture by the absentee ballot are still safe for the Government and Grand Forks has reduced his own following in the House. Once more has the Opposition prediction of "sweeping victories" gone by the board.

It may be that the poet defender of Fiume will object to the measures now being taken by the Italian Government to put an end to his good time. Issuing manifestos and tearing up treaties does not require a good deal of courage; but it takes a stout heart to stand up against flying steel.

**WHERE IT STARTED**

THE SUBMARINE CABLE  
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The first man to lay a submarine cable successfully was Cyrus Field, who first conceived the idea of laying a cable between New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Co. After many failures, the first successful cable was laid in 1858, and on August 16 of that year President Buchanan sent the first submarine telegram to Queen Victoria of England.

**WHY**

IS DECEMBER 25 CELEBRATED AS CHRISTMAS?  
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Great as the feast of Christmas is, no one knows anything definite about its origin, who first celebrates it, or when or where or how. In fact, no one really knows if December 25 is really the anniversary of the birth of Christ because the celebration of birth days was originally a pagan rite which the early Christians studiously avoided. After Christianity had become well established, however, this prejudice against the birth-feast died out, and Pope Julius directed St. Cyril to make a strict inquiry as to the precise day on which Christ had been born at Bethlehem. Cyril reported that the Saviour was born early in the morning of December 25, but that other communities of Christians held to other dates. In some Eastern churches, January 6 had been fixed, not only as the date of the birth of Christ, but also of His Manifestation to the Gentiles, and while April 20, May 20, March 25 and September 23, were the dates on which commemorative services were held in other churches.

In spite of the fact that, as St. John Chrysostom, writing in 386, writes, "the matter of the precise date is very difficult to determine," Pope Julius established the festival of the Christ Mass in Rome about the middle of the fourth century, and before the sixth century, the date had been accepted by all the nations of Christendom, and has come down to the present day unchanged, despite a number of alterations in the calendar.

**HOLIDAY SERVICE ON CAR LINES**

Street car services in Victoria and district for the Christmas and New Year holidays will be slightly different from the usual week-day schedule. The cars will commence operation in the morning on the Sunday schedule, but will continue in service during the evening until the usual week day hour. On the result of this meeting what should be in effect for both the holidays.

**MEET DR. TOLMIE.**

The automobile and accessory dealers' section of the Board of Trade met this morning to discuss the proposed demand on the Dominion Government to rebate the tax on the purchase of automobiles, in connection with which it had been suggested that a deputation should proceed to Ottawa in company with delegates from other cities in Canada. It was decided that Hon. S. F. Tolmie, M. P. for Victoria, should first be consulted in the matter, and a meeting was therefore arranged to take place this afternoon. It depends on the result of this meeting what stand the automobile men will take next.

**TAX REFERENDUM PROPOSAL STARTS VERBAL WARFARE**

**Saanich Council Denies Statement and Calls Councillor Clark to Task**

There will be no referendum in Saanich at the coming election on altering the taxation system, Reeve Watson, last night informing the Council that a motion to submit the question of changing from a municipal-wide levy basis to one which would assess each ward with its own requirements was not within the power of the Council, according to the Municipal Act.

In making this ruling Reeve Watson suggested that those favoring the change should make representations to the next Legislature for a change in the Municipal Act. A resolution passed at the last meeting of the School Board, which asked the Council to submit such a referendum to the people, was placed before the Council at a meeting Monday afternoon from Councillor Henderson, who declared the suggestion of seven separate tax rates within one municipality to be both unworkable and with no merit whatever.

Councillor Clark strongly favored the scheme, as he was convinced the present system was inequitable, and the rural wards were contributing more than their true share. Councillor Brooks said the residents in the outer wards were not satisfied to see the people living in the inner wards paying but two or three dollars a year per head and expecting to get all modern facilities. He moved the request for a referendum be granted and commented, "If the people vote against the change, that settles it."

**Wanted Stronger Demand.**  
Councillor Dooley was warmly opposed to making any change, he thought that before any such important question was submitted to a referendum there ought to be evidence of a strong agitation in its favor, to show there was a real interest in the matter. Councillor Terrell remarked that the close of the year was no time to bring up such an important matter. He was not so much against the proposal as the manner in which it had been brought forward at the last moment without discussion.

While Reeve Watson was studying the houses of the Municipal Act, Councillor Clark seconded the motion to submit a referendum, and by saying he would like to see an amendment to include the question of taxing improvements in the referendum, aroused general surprise, Councillor Dooley being surprised at such action by the seconder of a motion.

**To Prove Demands.**  
Councillor Brooks stated that the inner wards were presenting an attitude of indifference to the expenditure of \$100,000 for more schools, "And I am confident that, if they have to pay their own costs, they will cut that demand in half," he said. Reeve Watson then issued his dictum that the Council was without power to submit a referendum whenever Councillor Clark moved that the Council submit a referendum as to the advisability of taxing improvements. Reeve Watson, after being the matter forward was by notice of motion for a by-law, therefore he ruled the Councillor out of order.

**Debate Grows Warm.**  
Councillor Clark declared that all the sessions of the past year had been marked by partially an attention to trivial and unimportant questions were disregarded. Councillor Dooley demanded the citation of a single instance where Reeve Watson abandoned the chair to Councillor Terrell to take the floor.

**Council in Arms.**  
He said that the statement just made by Councillor Clark was of all fours with an inspired statement in The Daily Colonist, which he read as follows:

"Councillor Clark said that there was a condition of things in the municipality unwholesome for the ratepayers. He had consistently fought against the condition, he claimed, and had been unable to make any headway in consequence. He did not care to face the same state of things for another year as an unopposed Councillor."

"This is a matter which affects the Council and the Reeve, and I move that the Council repudiate the statement in toto," he said. Councillor Dooley seconded the motion and repeated his request that instances be cited. Councillor Clark said he had nothing to retract in the statement published; it would take a long time to recite the exact meaning he referred to the Works Department, whereupon Road Superintendent Girling and Clerk Cowper arose to leave the chamber. Reeve Watson recalled them, saying the matter was one affecting the Council and had nothing to do with municipal officials.

Councillor Henderson thought it was a pity to wrangle at the close of the session, and he considered the press statement was unfair, as Reeve Watson had been uniformly generous in allowing speaking. He asked for even one case where any important matter had been shelved.

**Want Cases Cited.**  
Councillor Terrell agreed, "It is up to you to explain," he said to Councillor Clark. Reeve Watson said, "Councillor Dooley asks you to support your charge, Councillor Henderson does so, Councillor Terrell demands an instance, and I also ask for an occasion where we shelved important matters." On the vote there was no dissenting, although Councillor Henderson demurred at the "in toto" phrase. Councillor Terrell then returned to his seat, whereupon Councillor Clark asked for a show of hands which was refused by Reeve Watson on the grounds that the incident was closed.

Councillor Clark then said that the last had not been heard of the matter, as it was apparent Reeve Watson was using the Council as a prop to his own very shaky position, which he would make plain to the ratepayers when he addressed them.

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**LETTERS**  
LOCAL APPLICANTS FAIRLY TREATED.

To the Editor, —Major Mulcahy is reported in the press as having stated at the meeting of the Esquimalt Property Owners' Association, held on the 21st instant, that the Board of School Trustees when making appointments to the school staff ignored the claims of teachers resident in the municipality and filled vacancies with outsiders. As this is a misleading statement, I feel it should not go unanswered, and would say that it is and always has been the policy of the Board to give preference in appointments to local persons, everything being equal. At present over 50 per cent. of the staff are of local origin. If it is correct that local applicants were unsuccessful in securing

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appointments to the staff, it can be for no other reason than that everything was not equal. The public have a right to demand that none but the most efficient teachers be selected for the salaries paid, and the best is none too good for the training of our boys and girls.

The Board with this conception of its responsibilities to the ratepayers, has developed what is generally recognized to be one of the best educational organizations of its kind in the Province. Members of the Board have attended almost every meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association during the last few months, to be on hand to give information to the public on school matters, and I have personally addressed that body, but the Major was conspicuous by his absence from these meetings. Surely the least one could expect from a person sincere in his desire to improve civic matters would be to attend these meetings to present his views.

Let me say in conclusion that it has been a great pleasure to me to preside over a Board composed of members whose efforts have been wholly given up to promoting the best interests of the public. In this connection the Board has been singularly fortunate in having Miss Helen Stewart as a member. Her untiring efforts and expert knowledge of educational work has done much to build up the present satisfactory condition of affairs, and she deserves the gratitude of the whole district.

B. MANTROP,  
Chairman Board of School Trustees,  
Esquimalt, B. C., December 23, 1920.

**"The stars incline, but do not compel"**  
**HOROSCOPE**  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1920.  
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Astrologers read this as a doubtful day in which it is wise to use special care. While Neptune and Venus are in benefic aspect during the early hours, Jupiter and Mercury are strongly adverse.

Women will be especially fortunate while this configuration prevails, for it imparts to them energy, sympathy and great enthusiasm.

There is the best sort of a sign for family reunions, since it indicates understanding, confidence and high aspiration.

Neptune is an aspect that is held to quicken the mind so that all its finer perceptions are keen. The planet improves the intellectual and spiritual vision.

Jupiter is in a place that seems to presage a falling off of trade among merchants, but the outlook for the new year is of the whole most promising.

There is a sign read as indicating many experiments in co-operation which will change old methods of shop-keeping.

Mercury seems to presage a brief period of slackening in publishing, and indifference to authors, but this is not serious, the seers declare.

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<b>Women's Boot-Top Spats</b> , at ..... <b>\$2.95</b>	<b>Boys' Tan Military Leggings</b> , at ..... <b>\$2.75</b>
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—Women's and Men's Shoe Depts.

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**Short Dresses**, of lawn, made with a frill of embroidery and yoke, and sleeves trimmed with embroidery; values to \$1.75. Clearing at ..... **90¢**

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**Little Girls' Play Sets**, including wash board, rubber apron, soap, clothes pins and line. At, per set ..... **\$1.00**

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## Fur Sets and Sweaters for Children

**Pretty Fur Sets**, in bear cloth and imitation ermine, consisting of necklet and muff. Dainty gifts for the ages of 2 to 6 years and priced accordingly, at **\$2.50**, **\$2.75** and ..... **\$3.50**

**Children's All-Wool Sweaters**, made for the ages of 10, 12 and 14 years; shown in brown; full length, and finished with turn-down collar. A gift that will be worth while. At ..... **\$4.50**  
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## Children's Woolen Kimonos Values to \$7.50—On Sale at **\$2.50**

**Cosy Woolen Kimonos**, in blue, fawn and combination colors. Also a few in floral crepes. Any of these will make a useful gift for children from the ages of 2 to 12 years. Big values at, each ..... **\$2.50**  
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## All Our Remaining Stock of Fancy Boxed Handkerchiefs—Values Up to \$2.00 to Go Out To-night At **\$1.00 Each**

**Handkerchiefs** of excellent quality, all boxed, ready for presentation; many prettily embroidered in white and colored designs. Don't miss this last minute offering. The handkerchiefs will go quickly at, each ..... **\$1.00**  
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## Children's Imitation Fur Sets On Sale this Evening at **\$1.75** and **\$2.50 a Set**

**Imitation Fur Sets**, in brown, grey and white, muff and necklet, to fit the ages of 2 to 8 years. Regular \$3.50 and \$5.75. On sale, according to size, at ..... **\$1.75** and ..... **\$2.50**  
—Children's, First Floor

## Special from 6 to 9 o'Clock in The Drapery Department

**Velour Novelty Bags**, neatly lined with Italian silk; regular to \$5.50. Offered at, each ..... **\$3.00**

**Shadow Cloth Novelty Shopping Bags**; values to \$4.00. Offered at, each ..... **\$2.75**

**Cretonne Shopping Bags**, fitted with metal or loop handles; values to \$2.75. Offered at ..... **\$1.95**

**Cretonne Shopping Bags**, all well lined; values to \$1.85. Offered at, each ..... **\$1.00**  
—Drapery Dept., Second Floor

## Books for Boys and Girls Splendid Values This Evening

In our great display of books suitable for children you will find splendid values this evening.

### Books at 75c.

**Bobbsey Twins Series**, Bunny Brown, Ruth Fielding, Tom Swift Series, Boy Allies Series, Young Aeroplane Scout Series, The Out-of-Doors and the Moving Girls' Series. All at, each ..... **75¢**

**Burges Bedtime Stories**. At, each ..... **65¢**

**Little Colonel Series**; regular \$1.50. At, each ..... **\$1.00**

And Books for boys by Ballantyne, Kingston and Marryat. At, each ..... **75¢**

### A Special in Christmas Stationery To-night

**Stationery Packed in Dainty Boxes**; regular \$1.00 values. At, a package ..... **75¢**  
—Stationery Dept., Lower Main Floor

## Men's Dressing Gowns and Smoking Jackets Greatly Reduced

**Dressing Gowns** of excellent grade materials, in attractive colorings.

Regular \$12.95 values reduced to ..... **\$7.50**

Regular \$16.75 values reduced to ..... **\$10.00**

One of these will make an ideal gift for a gentleman.  
—Men's Clothing, Main Floor

## Gift Hosiery for Men

**Imported All-Wool Cashmere Socks** in shades of black, red and navy blue. At, per pair ..... **\$1.75**

**Men's Fancy Socks**, in silk and cotton; various shades to select from. At, a pair **\$1.50**

**British Imported Socks**, in silk and wool; shown in assorted colors. At, a pair ..... **\$1.75**

**Men's Black Cashmere Socks**, all-wool mixture. At, a pair, **\$1.15**, **\$1.00** and ..... **75¢**

**Men's Heavy Working Socks**, very suitable for gifts. At prices ranging from, a pair, **35¢** to ..... **\$1.00**

**Men's Silk Socks**, in a good weight. At, a pair ..... **\$2.00**

**Men's Silk Socks**, at ..... **\$1.25**

**British Imported Cashmere Socks**, with fancy clocks, in black and colors. At, per pair ..... **\$1.75**

**British Imported Heather and Lovat Shades Worsted Socks**, at a pair, **\$1.35**, **\$1.25** and ..... **\$1.00**

**Fine Lisle Socks** in navy blue, dark grey and black. At, a pair ..... **50¢**

**Dark Brown Socks**, with cashmere finish; very soft. At, a pair ..... **65¢**

**Boys' Fancy Turn-Over-Top Hosiery**, British make. A pair, **\$1.50** to ..... **\$3.50**  
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor—Phone 2320

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Call at our Jewellery Department this evening and select that gift, you have been worried about. Whether it be a gift for a lady or gentlemen you will find the correct article here.

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## Children's Rompers at \$1.00 and \$1.25 a Suit

**Rompers**, of best grade chambray, with yoke, long sleeves and loose knee; each suit has belt and pocket, and finished in narrow piping of white; shown in shades of green, tan and blue; sizes to fit the ages of two to five years. At, a suit, **\$1.00**

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**Gifts in Rogers Plate**

**Sugar and Creams**, at \$6.90 to ..... **\$10.50**

**Tea Sets**, at \$21.50 to ..... **\$55.00**

**Marmalade Jars**, at \$2.75 to ..... **\$5.00**

**Sugars**, at \$3.25 to ..... **\$4.50**

**Spoon Trays**, at \$4.75 to ..... **\$7.50**

**Bread Trays**, at \$5.50 to ..... **\$15.00**

**Sandwich Trays**, at \$7.50 to ..... **\$19.50**

**Cake Baskets**, at \$9.75 to ..... **\$19.50**

**Flower Baskets**, at \$15.00 to ..... **\$22.00**

**Bon-Bons**, at \$3.50 to ..... **\$7.50**

**Butter Dishes**, at \$3.25 to ..... **\$5.00**

**Pickle Jars**, at \$3.75 to ..... **\$4.50**

**Egg Cruets**, at, each ..... **\$11.50**

**Gifts for Boys**

**Pocket Knives**, from 50¢ to ..... **\$2.50**

**Ingersol Watches**, regular \$3.25. At, each ..... **\$2.19**

**In Community and Rogers Plate**

**Cream Ladies**, at \$1.25 to ..... **\$2.00**

**Cold Meat Forks**, at \$1.25 to ..... **\$2.00**

**Berry Spoons**, at \$1.75 to ..... **\$3.00**

**Sugar Shells**, at 75¢ to ..... **\$1.25**

**Pickle Forks**, at \$1.00 to ..... **\$1.25**

**Sugar Tongs**, at \$1.00 to ..... **\$1.50**

**Bread Knives**, at \$3.95 to ..... **\$5.00**

**Butter Knives**, at 65¢ to ..... **\$1.25**

**Pie Knives**, at \$2.25 to ..... **\$3.75**

**Tomato Servers**, at \$3.00 to ..... **\$3.25**

**Children's Three-Piece Sets**, at \$1.75 to ..... **\$3.25**

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**Baby Mugs**, at \$1.00 to ..... **\$2.95**

**Spoons**, at 60¢ to ..... **\$1.00**  
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The "Music Master" is all that the name implies.

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Here are a few worth-while suggestions from this store of dainty apparel for women:

Blouses

Georgette and Crepe de Chine Blouses in a wide selection of the daintiest modes of the Winter season...

Crepe de Chine Blouses in a variety of dainty effects and colors...

Over-Blouses of tricolette and taffeta, beautifully embroidered with wool or silk...

Wool Sweaters

Pull-Over Sweaters in dainty designs, shades are purple, rose, Adriatic, Copenhagen and thalze...

Coat Sweaters with prettily worked lapel fronts and flared below waist line...

Wool Scarfs

English All-Wool Scarfs in white with candy stripes...

Brush Wool Scarfs in two-tone effects, some with collar edges, belts, rainbow or fringe ends...



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AMUSEMENTS TO-DAY

Variety—"Open Your Eyes." Princess—"Under Cover." Royal—"The Notorious Miss Lisle." Dominion—"A Romantic Adventuress." Pantages—Vaudeville. Columbia—"Terror Island." Romano—"One Hour Before Dawn." Cabaret Criterion—Belmont House. Blue Mouse—724 Yates Street.

FINE SCENERY IN FORTHCOMING PLAY

"Maid of the Mountains" Due at Royal Victoria

Fresh from triumphant presentations at various Maritime Province and Quebec cities, "The Maid of the Mountains" will be seen here at the Royal Victoria Theatre on Friday, December 31 for a brief run of five days...

Romantic Story There is no interpolation of vaudeville numbers in "The Maid of the Mountains." The piece tells a romantic and most interesting story, and against a background of beautiful scenic effects and colorful costumes...

Fine Scenery The three scenes the brigands' den in the mountains, the courtyard of the Governor's palace, and the shore of Devil's Island—are three remarkably picturesque and vividly painted ones...

Mr. Fred Wright, one of England's premier comedians, has the leading comedy role, and Mr. Edward Grey plays the Governor with unctious Miss Therese Mills, Miss Le Breton, Mr. Jack Durant, Mr. Paul Plunkett and Mr. Wright...

PROTEST SALE OF TUBERCULOUS MEAT FOR HUMANE USE

The Saanich Council last night unanimously endorsed a resolution drafted by the B.C. Anti-Tuberculosis Society, urging the Provincial Secretary to request the Federal Government to prohibit sale of meat from cattle slaughtered after condemnation for tuberculosis.

Constant Backaches Relieve Quickly

My remedy goes right to the spot. It gives quick relief because it removes the conditions that make your back ache and drag. Bearing down pains, backache and draggy limbs are all caused by kidney trouble.

Dr. Hamilton's guarantee goes with every box of his Mandrake and Butternut Pills. The aged and the young—women or men—if sick, rundown and miserable—behold and view await you in Dr. Hamilton's Pills; they mean new life.

at the Theatre

VARIETY

"The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small." So goes the old saying. And one sees the truth of it, in one case at least, in the story of the quack doctor in "Open Your Eyes," the flaming photoplay prepared under the supervision of the United States Public Health Service...

PRINCESS

That wonderful comedy drama entitled "Under Cover" is the Christmas week offering at the Princess Theatre, and it is without doubt one of the most brilliant successes of the long and well acted string of plays produced by this delightful company.

ROYAL VICTORIA

The story of "The Notorious Miss Lisle," the latest First National attraction, which will be shown at the Royal Victoria Theatre again to-night deals with the adventures of Gaenor Lisle, the daughter of a British army officer, who is innocently drawn into the intrigues of unscrupulous society because of a certain scandal.

DOMINION

New York's night life, New Orleans' gay Carnival season, and the gaming halls of Monte Carlo mingle in Dorothy Dalton's latest Paramount picture, "A Romantic Adventuress," which is now at the Dominion Theatre. The picture was adapted from "A Winter Favorite" by Charles Belmont Davis, brother of the late Richard Harding Davis.

PANTAGES

Walter Law, the mean man of the movies, and a musical comedy entitled "Private Property," share the bill at the Pantages Theatre this week. Three other acts of unusual merit are on a par with the standard set by the featured productions.

COLUMBIA

The screen again proves its superiority over the stage in showing "stunt stuff" in "Terror Island," the picture in which Houdini, the famous escape artist, is the hero. He is starred at the Columbia Theatre this week.

ROMANO

The power of suggestion plays an important part in "One Hour Before Dawn." Mansfield Scott's mystery drama which introduces H. B. Warner to the Pathe programme, and which is at the Romano Theatre again to-day. In discussing the theme of this unusual story, Mr. Warner recalled the experience of a noted London specialist and close friend of his who actually cured a woman of the morphia habit by use of the power of suggestion.

Very Quarrelsome Neighbors.

Names of the parties are Corns and Toes—both were unhappy till the trouble was remedied by Putnam's Corn Extractor.

ALMOST THE CONTRARY.

Jinks had been out the night before and was late at his desk. Employer (sternly): "Well?" Jinks: "Not very, sir."—Stray Stories.

ROYAL

TO-DAY Katherine MacDonald

"The Notorious Miss Lisle"

COMEDY SNAPSHOTS

ROYAL VICTORIA THEATRE

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With Complete English Cast and Chorus

"The Maid of the Mountains scored a genuine triumph."—S. Morgan Powell, Montreal Star.

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It is earnestly requested that patrons will be in their seats by 8:15 and 2:30 p. m., as the interest of the play commences with the rise of the curtain.

Seats Now on Sale 10-6 p. m.

BLUE MOUSE

Christmas and New Year's Eve

Please Reserve Tables Early Phone for Information 76410

Advertisement for London Dispensary, featuring a lamp illustration and text: "Compliments of the Season to All" and "Closed Monday All Day, December 27".

Advertisement for Dominion Theatre: "TO-DAY Dorothy Dalton 'A Romantic Adventuress'"

Advertisement for Princess Theatre: "TO-NIGHT MILDRED PAGE PLAYERS 'UNDER COVER'"

Advertisement for Arena: "FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON HOCKEY Seattle vs. Victoria CHRISTMAS DAY"

Advertisement for Columbia: "TO-DAY HOUDINI IN 'TERROR ISLAND'"

Advertisement for Criterion: "BELMONT HOUSE Victoria's Finest and Largest Cabaret"

Advertisement for Romano: "TO-DAY H. B. WARNER in 'One Hour Before Dawn.'"

Advertisement for Handel's "Messiah": "Will be given in the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, December 28"

Advertisement for Blue Mouse: "Christmas and New Year's Eve Please Reserve Tables Early Phone for Information 76410"

Advertisement for To All, A Merry Xmas: "and may the New Year bring you all you desire. FAMOUS STORES, LIMITED"

Advertisement for Nestle's Food: "Is there a new Baby in your Home? Write for a free copy of our Book 'The Care and Feeding of Infants'"

Advertisement for Owl Drug Store: "A Merry Xmas to All OWL DRUG STORE Douglas and Johnson"

Advertisement for Willis Pianos, Ltd.: "A New Piano For the New Year A WILLIS OR A CHICKERING"

Advertisement for Saanich: "SAANICH TAKES STEPS TO GIVE OUT WORK Council Grants \$500 For Special Employment of Men With Families"

Advertisement for Willis Pianos, Ltd.: "Willis Pianos, Ltd. 1003 Government St. Phone 514"

Advertisement for S.P.C.A.: "S.P.C.A. Gives Directions For Shipping Feathered World"

Advertisement for Constant Backaches: "Relieve Quickly My remedy goes right to the spot. It gives quick relief because it removes the conditions that make your back ache and drag."

Advertisement for Castoria: "CASTORIA For Infants and Children. In Use For Over 30 Years"

Advertisement for Dr. Hamilton's Pills: "I am not expecting any package," said Mr. Howdle, as a man stopped at the door of his house. "This is the number," persisted the driver, looking at the book again. "Name's Howdle, isn't it?" "Yes." "Then it's for you." "I think it must be a case of mistaken identity." "No, sir, it's a case of beer." "Oh, is that so?" "Bring it in."

S. S. Dora Founders In Forty-two Feet Off Noble Island V.I.

Little Steamer Was Known Far and Wide As Carrier Of Supplies to Aleutian Islands, Whose Inhabitants May Suffer.

The S.S. Dora, which was yesterday reported as beached off Noble Island, on the East Coast of the island, has now foundered in forty-five feet of water, according to latest advices received from arrivals in Seattle.

She left Seattle on Friday night bound for Dutch Harbor, Alaska, in the service of the Bering Sea Fisheries Company.

Built at San Francisco.

The Dora was built at San Francisco in 1880 and almost continuously since that time she has been operated in Alaska waters.

For years she operated between Seward and points to the westward as a mail and passenger steamer, her light draft permitting her entrance to harbors bearing larger vessels. On many an occasion the little vessel in the dead of winter would arrive at Unalaska and other points so heavily covered with ice that she often displayed a list to the windward side, where the coating would be thickest.

Water front veterans of this city who know the history of the little ship tell of her appearance at various Northern ports when it was found a foot of ice on her decks before she could proceed, for fear of additional accumulations rendering her top-heavy and likely to capsize.

Her Former Owners.

The Dora was formerly owned and operated by the Alaska Steamship Company on the stormy Western Alaska route out of Seward. She is now owned by the Bering Sea Fisheries Company and was on her way from Seattle to Unalaska, Alaska, and Dutch Harbor with supplies for the company's codfishing stations in that part of Alaska. The Dora loaded at Pier 8. The vessel's ill-fated voyage is her first since she returned from Alaska last August.

"The Dora was proceeding slowly on the perilous voyage north," said Marshal Paul Buckley, of Dutch Harbor, one of the passengers on the Dora at the Seattle Hotel. "The first mate was on watch. The weather was thick and the night extremely dark when suddenly she brought up against Noble Island on her starboard bow."

The crash did not seem to be a severe one and she soon was able to back off. All hands came on deck and Captain Hovick took command. He found the Dora was leaning badly about the chain locker and decided to attempt to reach Port Hardy, eight miles east of Noble Island. He soon found, however, that the Dora would probably sink before he could gain that refuge, so headed for the Vancouver Island shore.

"It was almost impossible to see anything at this time, but by good fortune Captain Hovick managed to get the leaking vessel into a little cove near an old logging camp, where her bows grounded about 100 yards from shore.

"Everyone was soon safely ashore, with a small store of food and blankets, but nearly all hands were drenched bodily in making the landing. A roaring campfire and some hot coffee soon made us feel more cheerful. As the morning occurred at 2.30 o'clock in the disaster we had a long wait until daylight. When day broke we found that the Dora was still afloat, but her stern was submerged."

Goos for Assistance.

Captain Hovick then started in one of the disabled vessels' dories for Port Hardy to get assistance, leaving Marshal Buckley in charge of the men on the shore. Marshal Buckley soon had a gang at work removing the radio apparatus from the Dora and setting it up ashore, intending to send out a wireless call for help. The radio apparatus was set up ashore in quick time and the wireless operator was beginning to tune up the set when the steamship Admiral Rodman of the Pacific Steamship Company of Seattle appeared on the scene, and headed toward the shore with an offer of help. The Canadian cutter Thelwell appeared at almost the same moment. Captain Hovick, who had returned to the cove, arranged with the Rodman, bringing Marshal Buckley and the deck crew back to Seattle, while the engine room crew stood by the Dora. The master was carried by the Canadian cutter to Alert Bay, where he hoped to obtain

HOLIDAY IN SIGHT FOR SHIPPING MEN ON CHRISTMAS DAY

First Time in Years That Docks Will Be Empty at Festive Season

No deep water craft are either due to sail out or into the port of Victoria for Christmas Day, according to advices at present to hand. A canvass of the shipping agents, master and men, revealed the merry fact that the slate was clear for the festive occasion, and unless something creeps in unheralded, the docks will be duly deserted for to-morrow. Customs, immigration, agents, dock-workers and all interested in the waterfront will have at least one day in the year's round to call their own. The fact that Christmas breaks without a single deep water craft is believed to be a record of unusual occurrence here, where the events of the past would lead waterfront men to believe that a ship could not make port here unless the day were auspicious, say Sunday or Christmas Day. The greatest of all holidays, has heretofore been the occasion of a congestion of deep water craft in port for the day, but this year is exceptional, so far.

True, the Celtic Prince is due to coal at Comox, but she has not been spoken yet, and will not call here in the day were auspicious, say Sunday or Christmas Day, but she also will give Victoria but a passing glance, without stopping.

The editorial staff of The Times is indebted to the officers of the Canadian National Railways and to the officials of the Canadian Government Merchant Service, for their kindly expression of the compliments of the season.

FORECAST STORM OVER CONTINENT

B. C. to Be Swept by Head, U. S. by Tail

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Storm conditions for the northwest states and Southern California were forecast for Christmas Day by the United States weather bureau here today. Rain is expected to-day and to-night over all of the present storm area, which extends from the Tehachapi Mountains to British Columbia, due at Vancouver on Sunday or Friday Day, but she also will give Victoria but a passing glance, without stopping.

The steam trawler James Carruthers was floated from the marine railway at Yarrow's, yesterday morning, was cleaned, painted and away again by the afternoon, making one of the record times for that plant.

The three members of the crew of the "Canada H." which was caught with the heavy penalty ever imposed by the court for violation of the United States Prohibition Amendment.

The local branch of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild, in a special meeting at the rooms on Tuesday last elected Captain Thomas Brown to the position of the vice-president by acclamation. Captain Brown, who was formerly nominated, having announced that he could not stand, owing to previous promotion in another organization.

The dining cars cost in the neighborhood of \$55,000 fully equipped and ready for service, giving an idea of the extensive service entailed.

SHIPS AT A GLANCE

TO ARRIVE: Africa Maru, from Hongkong, Dec. 30. Empress of Russia, from Hongkong, Jan. 1. Toyohashi Maru, from Yokohama, Jan. 6. Colgate, from Liverpool, Jan. 21. Tahiti, Dec. 23. Hawaii Maru, from Hongkong, Dec. 25. Sui Maru, from Hongkong, Jan. 1.

COASTWISE SAILINGS: For Vancouver: Prince Rupert, 11 a.m. Sunday. Sol Duc, leaves 10.30 a.m. daily. Prince George, 11 a.m. Sunday. Sol Duc, leaves 10.30 a.m. daily. Prince George, 11 a.m. Sunday. Sol Duc, leaves 10.30 a.m. daily. Prince George, 11 a.m. Sunday.

STEAMER ARRIVALS: Empress of France at St. John from Liverpool. Niagara at New York from Havre. United States at Copenhagen from New York. Empress of Britain at Liverpool from St. John, N.B. Corsican at London from St. John, N.B.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET: Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of December, 1920.

Table with columns: Day, Sunrise, Sunset, Hour, Min. Rows for days 1 through 31.

The Meteorological Observatory, Government Heights, Victoria, B. C.

EMPERESS OF FRANCE BRINGS NOTABLE PASSENGER LIST AND MAIL ON BOARD

St. John, N. B., Dec. 24.—The U.P. O.S. liner Empress of France arrived in port yesterday from Liverpool with more than 1,500 passengers, mail and 1,620 tons of general cargo. The steamer is on her first trip to this port since last Spring, and is in command of Captain Cook.

Among the notables on board were the Countess of Minto, who came to Canada to attend the wedding of her son, the Earl of Minto, which will take place in Montreal in the near future. Major-General Lyons Bigham, C.M.G., who is en route to Ottawa; Hon. K. L. Rice, of London; E. T. Scott, of Brantford, Ont., and Lady M. Scott, of London, who is en route to Ottawa. The Christmas mail from the Old Country on the Empress of France consisted of nearly 7,000 bags and was re-shipped from St. John on a special train of fourteen cars yesterday afternoon.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Cable received at the headquarters of the Canadian National Railways announced that the S. S. Megantic, which sailed from Halifax, December 16, docked at Liverpool at 8 a. m. yesterday, making the trip in six days and eight hours. This vessel carried a special train load of people from Western Canada, who left Winnipeg over the C.N.R. lines on December 12.

CHRISTMAS AT SEA: The S. S. Governor will clear at 5 p. m. today, the last sailing for the South prior to Christmas. She will carry a fair passenger list, who will be at sea for the festive season.

TIDE TABLE: December. Table with columns: Date, Time of High Water, Time of Low Water, etc.

CALIFORNIA SAILINGS: From Victoria, 5 p.m. S.S. GOVERNOR, Dec. 24. JAN. 3 and 22. FROM SEATTLE. S. S. Queen, Admiral Seelye, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays.

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CUNARD ANCHOR: N. Y. CHERBOURG-SOUTHAMPTON. Imperial, Jan. 29. Aquitania, Feb. 2. NEW YORK-LIVERPOOL. Vauban, Jan. 4. K.A. Victoria, Jan. 15.

N. Y. PLYMOUTH-CHEBROURG. Albany, Feb. 1. Albany, Mar. 11. N.Y. PLYMOUTH-CHEBROURG-BALTIMORE. Saxonia, Jan. 22. Saxonia, Mar. 1 (Canadian service).

PORTLAND-GLASGOW. Cassandra, Feb. 15. Saxonia, Mar. 11. Foreign Messengers and Traffic Agents at lowest rates.

AERIAL NOTES: W. H. Brown, M.C., formerly pilot for the Vancouver Island Aerial Service, Limited, who was rescued from extraordinary circumstances when his machine struck on rocks in the night at Nalau Island recently, has been appointed local recruiting officer for this district for the Canadian Militia Air Force.

Vancouver Island Aerial Service, Limited, which operated the seaplane out of here during the last Summer, have now obtained the agency for the Blackburn Aviation Company, with headquarters at Leeds, England. The parent company is to start an improved seaplane to the local partners, Messrs. Goodard and W. H. Brown, early in the Spring, when demonstration work will recommence.

HE HAS NEVER FELT BETTER THAN HIS LIFE: "I'll Long Remember the Day Tanlac Was Brought Into My Home," He Says.

"I'm now feeling just as fine as I ever did in my life and I'll long remember the day Tanlac was brought into my home," said Frank Burns, of 182 Hepler Ave., Winnipeg, well-known employee of the Customs Department.

"We've just made a family medicine of Tanlac since it fixed me up so fine, for I was certainly in bad condition before I got hold of it. I had been down in health for about two years, and was getting worse in spite of all I could do. My appetite was so poor I didn't relish my food at all, and I had no desire to eat. Everything I did manage to eat gave me indigestion, and caused me terrible pain. Bloating kept me uncomfortable all the time, and I lost so much weight and strength it was all I could do to get about my work. A good night's sleep was out of the question, for I was so restless I couldn't lie in one position for ten minutes, and would get up mornings feeling as bad as if I hadn't gone to bed at all.

"I finally got hold of Tanlac, and the medicine just built me right up to health again and made me a little while. Why, I have such a big appetite now I can hardly get enough to eat, everything agrees with me perfectly, and I've actually gained twelve pounds in weight. I drop off to sleep almost as soon as my head touches the pillow, and don't wake up till morning. As a said, I never felt better in my life than I do now, and am glad to give Tanlac my highest endorsement."

Tanlac is sold in Victoria by D. E. Campbell, Corner Fort and Douglas, and Lang's Drug Store, Esquimalt Road.

WILL EMPLOY LOCAL LABOR ON BRIDGE STEEL: In answer to an inquiry from a Times reporter, Mr. Schwabacher of Messrs. E. C. Prior & Company, stated to-day that arrangements had been made whereby the fabricating work on a good portion of the material for the Johnson Street bridge, which they had secured the contract for, would be done in Victoria at Esburne.

The castings will be made in Victoria and the fabrication of the truss rods will also be performed here, so that practically the entire steel work may be considered as the product of this Province.

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**Pound By-law Enforcement**—In the course of a short discussion on the need of pound by-law enforcement, the Saanich Council were last night informed that the present by-laws are amply sufficient to meet the requirements of the municipality, but required the backing of a determined Council together with a uniform enforcement in all portions of the municipality. Nothing was done, however, as the Council considered the matter one for the incoming Council.

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**BRIEF LOCALS**

**Public Library.**—The Victoria Public Library on Christmas Day will be open from 2 till 4 p.m. This does not apply to the circulation department of the building.

**Motor Car Collision.**—Automobiles driven by Dr. Rayner and Dan Poupard collided at the corner of Vancouver Street and Rockland Avenue at ten o'clock this morning. Mr. Poupard's car being badly damaged.

**In the Police Court.**—Chong Gee, charged with having liquor in other than a dwelling house, was dismissed by Magistrate Jay this morning on that count, but he in company with Joseph Hoar must face another charge of selling liquor to an Indian. The latter case will be held on Monday.

**Boys Cause Trouble.**—Complaints have recently been made by theatre managers of boys damaging property around the buildings and making themselves a nuisance generally. As a result, a charge is being heard by Magistrate Jay in the Juvenile Court this afternoon.

**Ward Seven Meets Again.**—The adjourned meeting of the Ward Seven Ratepayers' Association will take place at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening at the Victoria School, when Councillor Dooley will have figures on sewerage scheme costs, and School Trustee H. M. Diggon will speak on the school situation.

**Case is Dismissed.**—The charge brought against J. L. Sutherland of having threatened violence in connection with the collection of an account, was dismissed by Magistrate Jay in the City Police Court this morning, no evidence having been adduced to prove the charge. Robert Bates, charged with an indecent offence, was again remanded till Tuesday.

**Generous Donations.**—Generous donors imbued with the real spirit of Christmas this morning sent \$100 to the Salvation Army and \$50 to the Friendly Help Society. Both organizations wish to express their very grateful thanks to the unknown donors whose generosity will bring cheer into many destitute homes this Christmas.

**On False Pretences.**—On a charge of false pretences a Chinaman named Loo appeared in the City Police Court this morning, and was remanded until December 29. It is alleged that Loo advertised an inferior grade of butter for sale, which had been wrapped up in wrappers of the Vancouver Island Milk Producers' Association, and sold as creamery butter.

**Car Strikes Woman.**—Mrs. Sinclair, of 8711 McClure Street, aged seventy years, was knocked down at the corner of Fort and Blanshard Streets last night about 7.30 o'clock by a car driven by George Russell, 1037 Richardson Street. The injured lady was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where it was found on examination by Dr. Stanier that she had sustained no serious hurt, and will be about in a day or two.

**Dangerous Billboards.**—H. H. Stark reports that while walking down Pandora Avenue yesterday afternoon accompanied by his wife and child, he had no sooner passed a huge billboard about 75 feet in length near Maynard's auction room, when the whole affair crashed to the ground. The heavy supports had rotted in the ground and without any warning the entire board fell over. Mr. Stark considers that if this is a typical case and it was fortunate that there were not many people on the street at the time.

**May Start Big Plant.**—The Victoria and Vancouver Island Development Association is at present negotiating with large eastern interests through the medium of the Industrial Department of the C. P. R., as a result of which it is hoped that a condensing and powdered milk plant may be established on the Island. J. G. Thomson, Publicity Commissioner, points out that the Comox district is the most logical point, as there are over 2,000 dairy cows in that section, which will insure a surplus milk supply without interfering with the butter product.

**Union Official Robbed.**—To be seized and robbed of \$280 was the unfortunate experience which befel Bennett Simmonds, secretary of the Carpenters' Union, who was on his way to attend a meeting of his union shortly before 8 o'clock yesterday. While walking along Oswego Street, near Belleville, Mr. Simmonds reports to the police, the driver of a car standing at the curb called to him for a match and while handing it over two other men seized him and pushed his arms to his sides, while the wallet containing the money was taken from his pocket. One of the

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**men then violently pushed Mr. Simmonds backward and jumping into the car, which carried no lights, the robbers made a speedy departure, leaving no clue whatever to their identity. The police were immediately notified and a search made but without success.**

**Presented Fine Programme.**—The White Gift Christmas programme carried out by the Wilkinson Road Sunday School last night turned out a great success. About two hundred dollars was invested in provisions and bedding, which was donated by various classes for families in need in the vicinity. Special features of the evening were the presentations of a 200-pound pig, in all details, by a class of boys. Another very interesting item was the donation of a set of new collection plates by Mrs. Sutherland's class. An entertainment of songs, recitations and addresses was given to an aggregation of about 150 children.

**Saanich Business Tax.**—The terms of the new revenue by-law which is being considered by the Saanich Council provide for business taxes on the following basis: A license fee of \$5 every six months for Saanich wholesalers and retailers; a fee of \$25 every six months for anyone selling, soliciting or taking orders within the municipality for any other or others outside the municipality; a fee of \$10 every six months for owners or drivers of vehicles plying for hire within the municipality; and a fee of \$5 every six months for anyone carrying on business or taking contracts to deliver materials within the municipality. The by-law was last night left in committee stage after the Council had discussed the manner in which to secure enforcement against city stores trading in Saanich.

**Taxation Refund Precedent.**—"It would be a bad policy to establish a precedent in remitting surcharges on overdue tax bills," said Councillor Henderson when the Saanich Council last night considered the request of W. N. Lenesty for remission of his tax penalty, because of non receipt by him of the tax notice. The Council was sympathetic but was unable to make any remission, as the imposition of the penalty was well advertised in the newspapers. Clerk Cowper pointed out that should any ratepayer care to take legal action, councillors would be personally liable for the amount so remitted.

"Say it with Cards."—Diggon's.

**RATEPAYERS DEFER CHOICE OF CANDIDATES**

Ex-Councillor Tanner Urges Support For Reeve Watson Platform Drawn Up

Another determined effort was made last night to obtain the consent of ex-Councillor H. E. Tanner, of Ward Six, to run for Reeve in Saanich, when the Central Ratepayers' Association of Saanich, in session at the Tolmie School, supported efforts of the delegates from Ward Five to shake his determination to stand aside from municipal politics.

In refusing to consider the offered nomination, Tanner said that he considered that the affairs of Saanich were in good hands under the guidance of Reeve Watson and the Central Ratepayers' Association could do no better than strongly to support the present Reeve for a second term, and back him up with a strong and progressive Council.

**Nominations Deferred.**

As all the war associations had not yet made their selections for municipal honors, the Central Association deferred action on endorsement of candidates to a later meeting, to be held at the Tolmie School on January 4, and asked the delegates to make sure that all their associations had made their selections by that date.

There was an excellent attendance at last night's session, all the wards being strongly represented. In opening the session President C. C. Richards said the platform of the Ratepayers should devote close attention to a more up-to-date system in the construction of feeders to the main roads, which he claimed needed more attention. He referred to the work done by the present Council during the past year, and said the financial position of the municipality should be better understood, as it had much to do with taxation by-law.

Road construction was also the main theme of short addresses by Messrs Tanner, Collis and Simpson.

**Platform Prepared.**

The platform on which the Central Ratepayers' Association will base its choice of candidates was drawn up last night, there being considerable discussion on each of the clauses before they were accepted. The platform is as follows:

Are you in favor of the reorganization of the Works Department for the purpose of obtaining (a) Efficient supervision; (b) Better conditions on the lateral roads? Would you support the proposed Water Extension By-law? Would you be in favor of enlargement of the school accommodation to meet the immediate needs of the municipality? And in using your influence to obtain powers to gain a more equitable assessment for school purposes? No action was taken in regard to the proposal for Ward Five that School Trustees be elected on the ward system and that municipal finances be so reorganized as to charge against each ward a tax rate sufficient to meet the expenditures in the ward. The letter covering the formal resolution, and asking its incorporation in the Central Association's platform was laid on the table.

**SANTA CLAUS TO BE GUEST OF FIREMEN**

Santa Claus has promised to be present when the City Fire Department stages its annual Christmas Tree in the recreation rooms of the Main Fire Hall, Fisgard Street, next Wednesday evening. All the firemen and their wives will enjoy the entertainment. It is for the benefit of the kiddies that Chief Stewart has persuaded Father Christmas to visit the Hall for a while, in spite of his many similar engagements at this time of the year.

A huge Christmas Tree is being erected in the main Hall to-day and the rooms are being decorated with holly, and it is said that the usual mistletoe will be hung in a place under which it is easy for the fair ones to stand.

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**LATE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CHRISTMAS FUND**

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L. R. Hetherington	2.00
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Capt. Everall	1.00
Mrs. Mary Flewin	3.00
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## UNIFIED TRAFFIC LAWS ARE GOOD

Right Hand Regulations Will Apply Throughout the Continent

"Pleasing progress is apparent in what is variously termed the unification of traffic regulations and the standardization of vehicular travel laws," says Canadian Motors. "The service rendered in this matter alone by the Canadian Automobile Association is a very important one to all users of our highways. It is but a few years since every town and hamlet set its own speed limit, to mention but one of many regulations, to the confusion and cost of transient drivers. Thanks to the endeavors of the motor leagues of the various provinces this sorry state of affairs has passed into the limbo of memory of yesterday's seven thousand years in so far as the interprovincial fields are concerned. Much remains to be done, however, interprovincially and internationally. Much is being done, and signs are not wanting that the mills of the gods are being speeded up. New Brunswick has passed a "keep-to-the-right" law. British Columbia has followed suit, and the law is being progressively applied on the instalment plan, nearly a year being given the street car companies in which to convert their rolling stock from left-hand to right-hand vehicles. The Nova Scotia Motor League is sanguine that its "right-hand" rule of the road campaign will be crowned with success in the near future. Before another year rolls by it is hoped that the continent will be lapped in a universal "keep-to-the-right" traffic law from Skagway to Colon, and from Halifax to Victoria. "Another illustration, worthy of citation, of the success the Canadian Automobile Association's campaign for uniform traffic laws is manifest in the striking similarity of the legislative programmes of the various provincial motor leagues. The Ontario Motor League and the Quebec Motor League, for instance, are carrying on campaigns, the objectives of which all but coincide. Both are requesting that pedestrians be regulated to carry lights after dark, and that spotlights be legalized, with a heavy penalty provided for their misuse. The Quebec Motor League is further urging its Provincial Government to emulate the example of the Ontario Government in defining how the provisions of the anti-glare headlight law may be complied with, and in issuing a list of approved anti-glare lenses and devices. "When putting in new piston rings the grooves should be tried up, if needed, in order that a perfect fit be secured. There is more or less wear of the sides of piston ring grooves.

## WINNER TROUBLES NOW LOOM BEFORE MANY MOTORISTS

More Attention to the Car is Necessary at This Season of the Year

### WINTERIZE YOUR CAR

There is much convenience and even pleasure in winter motoring, but it is the treacherous time of the year for the car. Some of the problems of the winter motorist are told in a pamphlet published Saturday in The Times. By H. C. Brokaw. Once upon a time, as fairy tales begin, it was customary to stow the old boat in the barn when the first snow appeared and not get it out until the robins were chirping merrily in the trees. This may hold true in some of the back country districts, but for city driving there seems to be little difference between summer and winter. Of course, there is less purely pleasure driving, but the automobile has come to be such a part of the daily life that the average owner would not think the car could possibly do without it. Even last winter, when the continued storms and low temperature made the streets nightmares, drivers and limousine ploughs through drifts and over the ice mounds and got there when street car systems failed and traffic generally was in a considerable tangle.

### Getting Motor Started

The first difficulty encountered in winter driving is starting the motor. Low grades of gasoline do not vaporize readily at low temperatures. They may spray through the needle valve but when they hit the side walls of the mixing chamber, manifold and the cylinder there is a quick condensation, and liquid gasoline is about as non-inflammable as water. The problem, therefore, is one of vaporization. This may be accomplished in a number of ways. There are a number of devices sold for warming the carburetor and intake manifold, or keeping them warm. These devices are not too expensive for the average purist.

### Protecting Radiator

Any of these means will raise the temperature enough to allow vaporization so that the engine will start. Of course, when it is running it produces heat enough to cause proper vaporization. The necessity for an anti-freeze solution and for covering the radiator is well known. With some motors it is found advisable also to remove the fan belt, but ordinarily it is much better to let the fan run and cover as much of the radiator as is necessary to give proper temperature to the engine.

### Hard on Battery

The next problem which the winter driver must consider is the electric system. Presumably the car has an electric starter. This means that the battery which supplies current to turn over the engine must stand up to a great deal more care than in the summertime. This is necessary for several reasons. The battery does not work so well in cold weather. The battery does not really store electricity, it produces it by chemical action and chemical action is always slower at low temperatures. Therefore, the battery must be favored. Greater calls are made upon the battery in winter than in summer. It takes a little longer for the starter to get the engine going, and every second makes a terrific drain upon the battery. Lights are burned much longer because of the cold, and also current is drawn from the battery to give the generator a chance to charge the battery, so that it is in danger of being starved and then suddenly reusing to function. The solution is to leave the battery at a service station once a month or so and have it fully charged. If this is not done, sometimes the battery will freeze, trouble with the lights and failure to turn over the engine properly in starting. Some generators are equipped with a regulator, the proper adjustment of which will increase the amount of current sent to the battery.

### Rough on Tires

The next most important problem of the winter driver is the matter of tires. In the average winter in the city the pavements are about as easy as in the summer, but last winter there was an undue amount of ice on the streets, which produced a great deal of slipping and slewing, with wear on the tires, and there were jagged chunks of ice and ruts which ground down the tires at a rapid rate or cut them to shreds. This is also true on dirt roads in the country, where frozen ruts are constantly fighting the tires, and somehow or other the tires always get beaten in that kind of a contest. Sometimes the ruts which do not cut the tires; they are deep enough so that the side walls of the tires rub against the sides of the ruts and wear away the rubber, weakening the walls and causing them to break down and blow out. Of course, no one would think of driving a slushy winter road without skid chains, even though the car were equipped with the most efficient non-skid tires. Skid chains are very necessary, but they do wear the tires. Some day, possibly someone will invent a device to prevent skidding which will slip on over the tire, taking all the wear and keeping the tires themselves free from wear. But nobody yet has thought this out.

## CARE OF STORAGE BATTERY NECESSARY

Local Dealer Explains a Few of Its Problems

A local dealer has the following to say regarding the care of the storage battery: "The storage battery is made up of several hard rubber cells or containers for the active plates and liquid electrolyte. The whole is surrounded by a wood casing for mechanical protection and ease in handling. Each individual cell is provided with a screw cap for inspection and the addition of electrolyte or distilled water when necessary. The electrolyte must at all times cover the tops of the plates at least one-quarter inch. Insufficient electrolyte will result in warped or buckled plates, and an accumulation of sediment at the bottom of the cells. The battery will be ruined in a short time if the tops of the plates are not kept covered. Each cell must be inspected at least once every two weeks in winter. All screw caps must be removed and distilled water added to each cell to top up for the natural evaporation. If distilled water can not be had use clean rain water which has not come in contact with metal or cement. "Never add acid to the cells of the battery. If part of all of the electrolyte has been lost through accidental spilling or leakage, get full instructions and advice from the maker. An hydrometer, arranged with a rubber bulb to draw a portion of the electrolyte from each cell, furnishes the best indication of the condition of the battery. The hydrometer shows a specific gravity of the electrolyte, which for a fully charged cell should be 1.280 at a specific gravity scale. If the car is not to be used for a considerable length of time, as when laid up for the winter, it is necessary to charge the battery at regular intervals. The car battery is arranged with terminal posts for the wiring connections these must be examined occasionally to see that they are clean and that the contact is thorough application of a small amount of vaseline at the metal connections to the battery posts will prevent rusting and consequent corrosion and poor electrical contact at these points."

## AMERICAN CARS IN NETHERLANDS

A Rotterdam dispatch says that high prices charged in Holland and some other European countries for American automobiles, and other commodities are, in the opinion of American authorities abroad, exerting a very bad effect on the foreign export of the United States. It is understood that Consul General Anderson has made the matter the subject of an official report to the State Department. Automobiles selling at retail in the United States for \$5,000 are shipped to Holland at a freight cost hardly ever exceeding \$200 and then are sold there for the equivalent of about \$7,000, exchange is considered. The import duty is only 5 per cent. This exacting of profit, officials say, is certain to work against sales of American automobiles in the future.

## IT PAYS TO CARE FOR STORAGE BATTERY

Ignition Troubles and Repair Bills Avoided

If auto owners in general would only give their storage battery a little more regular attention, much of the ordinary ignition trouble and certainly many heavy repairs bills would be avoided. The little storage battery tucked away under the hood of the car is to the average layman seems little more than a black box, has the strength and heart of a lion. It will spin the big engine ten times more readily than you crank it by hand, and saves you many a weary battle with a cold motor; it sends forth its cheerful rays to make safe the yawning darkness ahead; makes possible the continued and even explosion of the engine at all speeds; in short it is the heart of the whole electric system. It will stand enormous overloads temporarily, but it deteriorates rapidly if neglected. A storage battery which should last with ordinary care at least four years, will become practically useless in a very few months if neglected. It should be remembered that every time the engine is started or the lamps lighted a certain amount of current is drawn from the battery. This current must be replaced in order to keep the battery at maximum strength. It takes over twenty times as long to recharge a battery used in starting an engine as it does to discharge. Therefore avoid continuous spinning of the engine, never hold down the starter pedal for more than ten seconds. If the engine does not show signs of starting in that time look for trouble, but do not ruin your battery. It has done its job and it deteriorates rapidly if neglected. The following few simple rules if followed systematically will repay the labor involved many times over. See that the tops of the plates are at all times covered at least one half inch by replacing evaporation with distilled water. Use only distilled water in refilling battery, and never use metal containers. Keep battery at all times fully charged. If in doubt, get a test and inspection at a service depot. Keep battery securely fastened in place, to avoid cracked casings from vibration. Keep top of battery clean, and never allow tools or foreign material to lodge on the terminals. If the fluid creeps over the terminals and causes a deposit to form clean off well and coat exposed parts with vaseline. See that the wiring and ignition system is kept free from short circuits. Call at a service depot regularly for free inspection and distilling water. It is part of the business and the battery man is glad to make your acquaintance. If laying your car up for the winter, store your battery at a service depot where it will be regularly charged throughout the winter and free from risk of freezing.

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## NEWER COUNTRIES SHOW BIG DEMAND

Figures State Canada Has Ten Per Cent. More Cars Than Britain

Use of automobiles is becoming more and more favored in the newer countries, as well as in Europe, as is evidenced from the world census of cars recently published by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Belgium, with more inhabitants per square mile than any other European country, is nearly equalled in car registration by British India, which is also densely populated but covers a larger area. South Africa Market. Spain and Italy have each close to 15,000 cars, or approximately as many as the total number of cars registered in both Japan and French Africa. Despite limited motoring area, China is taking to automobiles so that now the number of cars in use there exceeds by 1,000 those in Bulgaria. The Straits Settlements and Chile are emulating the Scandinavian countries, the former having about 500 cars more than Norway and the latter only 1,000 and 1,500 cars less than Denmark and Sweden, respectively. South Africa is developing an excellent field for motor vehicles and now has 30 per cent those in Holland.

## French Encourage Usage

France, with a fine system of roads, has automobiles equal to the combined registration of cars in Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, Uruguay, Australia and New Zealand. The latter countries are better markets for United States automotive products than France, because even such a small country as Uruguay imported during the last six months from the United States about three times as many cars as the larger European republic. The imports into the other countries have been larger still.

## Transportation Needed

Excellent markets for automobiles are developing not only in the European countries, but also in those sections where the people, encumbered little if at all by war debts, are receiving unprecedented prices for their products, and because of the lack of other transportation facilities are more and more turning to motor vehicles. The introduction of automobiles results in demand for good roads. With construction of roads new products of those countries can be profitably brought to the world's markets, the purchasing power of the people consequently increases and the demand for automobiles becomes greater in proportion.

## Germany is manufacturing a one-passenger electric runabout to sell for 15,000 marks. With a wheel base of 57-1/2 inches and a tread of 32.45 inches, the machine weighs 440 lbs. A trailer can be attached to accommodate an additional passenger. The bodies are made of wood with imitation leather upholstery.

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## ABOUT SKIDDING

A few years ago a case came before the Toronto courts. In the course of which the council for the defence claimed that the car skidded twenty feet prior to the collision. The Crown, backed by the opinion of the Crown expert, disputed this plea, claiming that a car could not skid that distance on a dry city pavement. After considerable controversy on the matter, it was deemed expedient to put the matter to the test. Max Bachan, an ex-racing driver of Vanderbilt Cup fame skidded the car on the dry pavement about forty feet and claimed that if they would let him "open her up" he would hook the rear wheels and skid seventy-five feet "any day." Dry skidding is, of course, very disastrous on tires. But it is not the dry straight-away skid that the average motorist has cause to fear—it is the lateral and rotary skid of greasy or ice-clad pavements. The side, right or left wheel, or about turn skid, except when indulged in deliberately and by design, as for instance in racing or when some young buck desires to parade his prowess, at the wheel—is almost always unexpected, though by no means unavoidable. The case is distinctly one for preventives rather than remedies. The reckless driver on greasy pavements usually gets what is coming to him—eventually. It is too bad, however, about the other fellow and the car. Skidding is the resultant of two or more forces—traction momentum and not infrequently gravity. In other words, the traction when a skid occurs is not sufficient good to counteract one or both of the other forces, and as a result, the forward movement of the car is in the direction determined by the resultant of the forces acting on it and not in alignment with the wheels. Skidding is almost invariably due to an attempt to suddenly alter the direction of travel or to a sudden application of the brakes when the car is travelling on a slippery surface.

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If laying your car up for the winter, store your battery at a service depot where it will be regularly charged throughout the winter and free from risk of freezing.

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# PROPOSED WHEAT POOL ENDORSED

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press)—Official endorsement was given the proposed wheat pool, along the lines laid down in the report of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, by the board of directors of the United Grain Growers, Ltd., at a special meeting, it was announced today.

The principles set forth in the report were unanimously approved and C. Rice Jones, general manager of the United Grain Growers, Ltd., and E. Collier, of Weldon, were appointed to represent the company on the wheat pool committee.

The belief was expressed that action should be started at once if the pool is to be organized in time to handle the 1921 crop.

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# PRESENT AT CORONATION.

Owen Sound, Ont., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Ann Brown, the oldest resident of this district and probably the oldest in Ontario, died at noon yesterday within a few weeks of being 105 years old. She was born in Yorkshire, Eng., January 16, 1815. Mrs. Brown had the distinction of being present at the coronation of Queen Victoria in 1837.

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# SAYS NOW IS TIME TO BUILD SCHOOLS

Trustee H. M. Diggon Says More Schools and Employment Needed

Trustee Harold M. Diggon of the Saanich School Board this morning enunciated a plan whereby the municipality would be able to relieve at one time three pressing questions, the unemployment situation, the imperative need of more school accommodation, and the obtaining of value spent in relief expenditures.

Mr. Diggon stated that he was in the field for re-nomination to the Board, and considered that this was the ideal time to bring forward a comprehensive plan of schools construction in combination with provision of work for many men, both skilled and unskilled.

Mr. Diggon's proposal is that the municipality shall undertake the construction of more schools, accommodation, this being an excellent time prices are low, all materials used in building operations are now below the figures prevalent for years past. Such an undertaking would provide needed school accommodation, would give unemployed skilled workmen occupation at their own crafts rather than in rock breaking or road work.

Mr. Diggon points out that the merits of the proposed plan are the provision of immediate work, at a time of much distress, and the return to the municipality of something tangible for the money expended. There is at present no more urgent municipal need than more school accommodation, and the scheme outlined would be a reasonable and a favored method of dealing with both questions.

# SOLDIER PATIENTS OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

Craigdarroch Gay With Decorations; Dietitian Presents Surprises

Christmas is being celebrated at Craigdarroch, the home of the maimed and sick returned men. Numerous gifts have been bestowed on the boys by citizens of Victoria. Holly and fern, ivy and arbutus, pine and fir have been intricately woven to give the hospital a fitting garb for the festive season. Led by Sister Alexander, who was responsible for the hall, library and drawing room, Sister Andrews, Miss Holmes and Miss Brice decorated the great staircase and Sisters Mowbray and Murray, the wards. The dining room was transformed into a corner of the Ritz, the tables being gay with color and decorated with choice chrysanthemums. The thanks of all were expressed to Miss Hammond, the dietitian and her staff for the preparations so successfully carried out, to the close of dinner Miss McBride, the matron, and Dr. Taylor were presented by the boys with a slight token of the esteem in which they are both held.

# NO REDEMPTION OF MACHINES TO MERCHANTS

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Press)—There will be no redemption of the machines issued to merchants for the purpose of cancelling luxury tax stamps, according to Hon. R. W. Wignmore, Minister of Customs and Inland Revenue, who stated this morning that an announcement to that effect given out yesterday had been in error. The merchants who received cancelling machines for luxury tax stamps were not charged anything for them, but were simply charged two dollars for the licence. Therefore, the Department can make no rebate for return of the machines.

# OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Cpl. William Frederick Frost, whose death occurred last Monday, at the Esquimalt Military Hospital, took place yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel, Rev. Canon Hinchcliffe officiating. The hymns sung were "Abide With Me" and "Near to Thee." The numerous beautiful floral tokens bore testimony of the high esteem in which the late soldier was held. Many friends were present, including representatives from the Army and Navy Veterans and Messrs. Penderays, Ltd.

The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. G. D. H. Ward, H. A. Young, T. A. Darke, C. Blackie, J. Hillier, G. Chevallier, all representatives of the Army and Navy cricket team. The firing party from work Point was at the cemetery; three volleys were fired over the grave and the bugler sounded "Last Post." Interment was made at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The remains of Baby Albert Baron Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fisher, of 2013 Cameron Street, were laid to rest yesterday afternoon. Service was conducted in the B. C. Funeral Chapel by Rev. N. E. Smith. One hymn was sung, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." Many floral tributes covered the little casket. Interment was made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The death occurred early this morning at the family residence, 970 Cowichan Street, Oak Bay, of Margaret English, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. English. The funeral will take place from the Thomson Funeral Home on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. G. H. Andrews will officiate. Interment will be in Ross Bay Cemetery.

Calgary, Dec. 24.—Reports from the Imperial Oil Company well at Czeer, northwest of Calgary, are to the effect that a crude oil has been struck in small quantities at a depth of 2,800 feet and that the drillers are being kept at work through the holidays in anticipation of a substantial flow within the next 200 feet.

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# WARNING TO SUBSCRIBERS

The Times Circulation Department issues a warning against payment of subscriptions to the Times to persons not being carriers or office collectors with the usual monthly coupon book. Persons representing themselves to be collectors are a present and a frequent source of annoyance in an unauthorized manner.

# SAANICH POLL.

Of the absentee ballots counted in the Saanich riding this afternoon, F. A. Pauline, Liberal candidate, secured 137; Captain Oxford, Soldier-Labor candidate, 85, and M. P. Gordon, Conservative, 120. This gives Mr. Pauline a final majority of 194 over Mr. Gordon.

# HUMAN INTEREST INSURANCE

Books at Public Library Help Study of Important Subject

"Business of Insurance," H. P. Dunham. "Insurance Office Organization and Management," T. E. Young and R. Masters. "Modern Insurance Problems," "Law of Insurance," G. Richards. "State Insurance," F. W. Lewis. "Social Insurance in the United States," A. R. Miller. "Social Insurance," I. M. Rubinow. "Industrial Insurance in the United States," C. R. Henderson. "Liability and Compensation Insurance," R. H. Blanchard. "Marine Insurance," W. D. Winter. "Property Insurance," L. W. Zartman and W. H. Price. "Life and Accident Insurance," L. W. Zartman and W. H. Price.

# EX-KAISER LIVES IN HIGH STYLE; HAS 50 SERVANTS

Six Cooks Serve Wilhelm's Dinner; Cost Him \$60,000 a Year

Doorn, Holland, Dec. 24.—Revelations in the Prussian state legislature at Berlin of the sums of money which the onetime German Emperor has been permitted to draw from Germany during the last two years, together with the announcement that the Dutch government will tax him for an annual income of 1,300,000 guilders, have caused the burghers of Doorn to speculate regarding what he does with all this money.

From Germany the deposed Emperor it said to have drawn 1,000,000 guilders, equivalent at present rates of exchange to 11,330,000 German marks, also the proceeds of the sale of some of his property in the Wilhelmstrasse, said to be 40,000,000 marks. Besides all this income, the Emperor has a number of other sources of revenue, including the proceeds of the sale of his new home at Doorn.

For a long time William complained of being financially embarrassed, but now, according to the people of Doorn, he appears to be living in high style.

Not counting his marshal, General von Gontard, and other members of his immediate suite, approximately fifty servants are now employed to keep up the house of Doorn. This does not include the workmen who are still engaged in various repairs about the house and grounds.

There are twenty-four charwomen, who are kept busy polishing the floors, brasswork and otherwise keeping the castle up to the standard of old German cleanliness demanded by the onetime Empress Augusta Victoria. They receive the equivalent of about a dollar a day. Ten of them live in the castle.

In all, William now employs six cooks, who include a chef and an assistant living at the castle and four women who come in to work by the day. There are also a number of gardeners and personal servants.

To maintain this army of servants, whose average wages, the people of Doorn say, must be something more than a dollar a day, William pays in wages alone about \$20,000 a year. Their upkeep costs him as much more, and this does not include the high-salaried employees like General von Gontard, Captain von Ilsemann, the "court physician" and secretaries who must cost the ex-Emperor about \$20,000 more.

During his eighteen months' stay at Doorn he has this year spent approximately \$22,500 on a little hospital which he presented to the village of Amerongen.

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WINS CODERRE CUP. Nanaimo: In competition with all Canada, Nanaimo has won the Coderre Cup, emblematic of championship in rowing. The examination was conducted under the St. John Ambulance Association by Dr. Hodges, president of the local team through a strenuous test. The winners, who belong to the Canadian Western Fuel Company's First Aid Association, are Joseph Barton (captain), George Carson, James Brown, Charles Nicholls, David Stobart and R. Shields. It is possible that this team will be entered for the American championship meet, which takes place next September.

1921 Styles in Swatters—The Andrews-Wire Works of Watford announce that fly swatters next season will have rounded corners instead of square.

Warder—"Police No. 99 has escaped." Governor—"Why do you call him '99'?" "Well, sir, he left this note: 'Please excuse the liberty I am taking.'"

# Rheumatic Pains

Are relieved in a few days by taking 30 drops of Mether Baigel's Syrup after meals and on retiring. It dissolves the lime and acid accumulation in the muscles and joints so these deposits can be expelled, thus relieving pain and soreness. Baigel's Syrup, also known as "Extract of Roots," contains no dope or other strong drugs. It is a natural product of nature and has been thoroughly covered, so that an accurate practical knowledge of the business may be secured. The other volume deals with life and accident insurance.

# BRITISH CENSOR OWN PICTURES

Fear Bad Plays Would Bring State Censorship.

London, Dec. 24.—A campaign is on in England against suggestiveness in the films. The recent publication of the report of the British Board of Film Censors on its work in 1919, and the decision of the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association to take powers to expel any member who books any film for exhibition which has no previous censor's certificate lead one to hope, says the London Times, that the film industry itself recognizes the need of putting its house in order before a serious bid can be made to secure for this country a fair share of the world's trade.

Matters have certainly improved considerably in recent years, but he could be a poor friend of the industry who would say that even yet the position is perfect. There are still picture theatres at which films of a doubtful character are being shown, the "propaganda" picture—my questions has not yet been eliminated while the type of comedy which seems to demand the presence of a heavy "bathing beauty" type, more or less in a state of undress, continues to arrive from the United States, and there are even indications that an attempt is being made to produce this kind of picture in this country. Last week a British company, with a considerable reputation, showed for the first time a film in which the comedian raised one of his jodest legs by falling in a woman's open air swimming bath, when he was immediately surrounded by damsels in bathing costumes such as one reads of but seldom sees in the picture, but in the long run a suggestive film may do far more harm to the British industry.

# CENSORSHIP VOLUNTARY

The position is difficult in view of the fact that the whole system of censorship is a voluntary one organized by the film industry itself, which doubtless recognized that unless it took the matter in hand State censorship would be inevitable. There was no anxiety to place the industry under the sway of a Government department more than to have the national Congress in London, which elected president on the death of Mr. Bedford in November, 1916. Mr. O'Connor's appointment was made by the industry, but it was understood that his position was one of perfect independence. He has always had the right to accept or reject any film, and there is no appeal from his decision. Such rejection, of course, does not actually bar the exhibitor from showing a film, and that has been the case in the past, in which the Board of Film Censors has been laboring under difficulties. A definite decision has been arrived at, for instance, to refuse to certify any film dealing with the sale of slaves, and the white slave traffic, even though there may be nothing indecent or immoral in the subject-matter.

Mr. O'Connor has laid down a set of rules for the guidance of his board which sound admirable, though there are obvious loopholes. "Crime" films, it is generally agreed, are becoming more and more popular, and the reputation of the cinema—and it is to be earnestly hoped, by the way, that no British company will begin the manufacture of the horrible melodramatic film which seems to glory in a fresh crime in every installment. The board has now decided to examine no serial dealing with crime except as a whole, and not to pass any serial in which crime is the dominant feature.

Crime Films Banned. No film, moreover, will now be passed in which the methods of crime are set forth and the chief characters are given names, but it is "difficult" to understand the attitude of the board on "costume" crime, such as cowboy films and Mexican robberies, come in a different category, because they must be regarded as adventures with no connection whatever with the lives or probable experience of young people in this country. Why murder in Mexico should be any more anathema it is difficult to see.

The stricter the supervision exercised over all "crime" films the better for everybody concerned, particularly the industry itself and the rising generation.

Two other classes of films on which a strict watch must be kept are the "bathing beauty" drama and the "bathing beauty" comedy. It is impossible to eliminate the former, but every care should be taken to see that it gives as little offense as possible, and that the scenes might be reduced with considerable advantage. A few years ago the stage gave a sequence of bedroom scenes; now it is the cinema which has taken the place of the stage, and the "bathing beauty" drama and the "bathing beauty" comedy, it is impossible to eliminate the former, but every care should be taken to see that it gives as little offense as possible, and that the scenes might be reduced with considerable advantage.

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# AMERICA HAS 125,000 SQUARE MILES OF MARSHY LAND CAPABLE OF AGRICULTURE

Dr. Andrew M. Soule, president of the Georgia State College of Agriculture, speaking at the recent National Drainage Congress in Atlanta, declared that there was from 80,000 to 100,000,000 acres of land in the United States too wet for cultivation, in swampy or subject to periodical overflow, which could be reclaimed by drainage.

The problem of draining 80,000,000 acres of land is so great a task that it is difficult to properly appreciate the size of the undertaking. Expressed in another way, we have at least 125,000 square miles of territory that need drainage. There are but 125,000 square miles in Great Britain. There are less than 60,000 square miles in Georgia. Holland, far-famed for the nature and extent of her drainage works, contains but 12,500 miles. Hence, we have in our undrained lands in the United States a vast new empire in suspense; a vast natural resource of limitless possibilities. When it is opened up and utilized as an asset, we will have added virgin soils of great productive power to our national resources, which are fully capable of sustaining an indefinite period a population of 50,000,000 to 60,000,000 people. This is not in any sense an exaggerated statement, but a cold and logical co-ordination of indisputable facts.

There is fortunately extant a living example of what drainage and irrigation have done in China. In the province of Szechuan, known as the Beautiful, they are maintaining a population of 60,000,000 people on approximately 50,000 square miles of cultivated land. It is true that this

state contains 181,000 square miles, but over half of it consists of rugged mountains, and is therefore of little value for agricultural purposes; great drainage and irrigation projects in Szechuan were completed by Li Ping about 300 B. C. He had little beyond manual labor with which to accomplish this marvelous undertaking. The engineering skill displayed was of such a superb character that the original canals are in use to-day. If Li Ping could drain 50,000 square miles so successfully previous to 200 B. C., surely the task of draining 125,000 square miles should be easy of accomplishment to the energetic and highly trained people of the United States.

Nothing Planned Without Concurrence of Dominions

London, Dec. 24.—(Canadian Associated Press)—A statement issued by the Colonial Office declares that never for a moment was there any idea of the British Government promoting emigration to the Dominions except after consultation with, and the concurrence of the Dominion Governments. It was also stated that there is not the remotest prospect of anything being done till after the Imperial Conference next Summer.

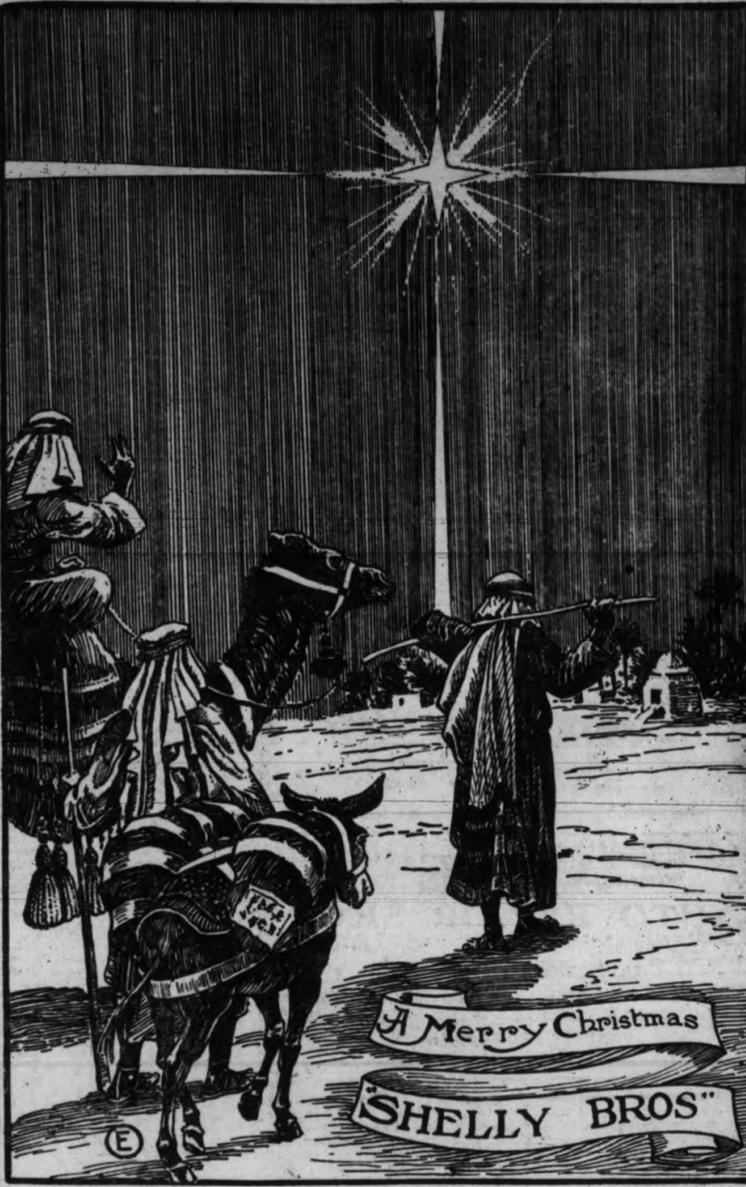
Mr. McNaughton, the vice-president and chairman of the Overseas Settlement Commission, says that Premier Lloyd George was misunderstood or misrepresented by those who declared he stated in his speech in the House of Commons recently that the Government contemplated putting forward a scheme of emigration at once.

Sir George Foster, Canadian Minister of Commerce, and Newton Wesley Howell, an ex-Canadian Cabinet Minister, who are in London after attending the general conference of the League of Nations at

Geneva, have both given the Times statements entirely deprecating the emigration of industrial workers to Canada at the present time.

Mrs. Mary Cornwallis-West, widow of Colonel Cornwallis-West, of Ruthin Castle North Wales, and mother of the Duchess of Westminster (Mrs. Lewis) and the Princess of Wales, left unattached property of £1,597. She bequeathed her property at La Napoule, Cannes, to the Duchess of Westminster "in the hope that she will build herself a house thereon in order to have a residence near to her sister, Mary Theresa Olivia, the Princess of Wales." If the duchess should decide within two years not to utilize this land then it is to revert to the Princess of Wales. All Mrs. Cornwallis-West's other property is to be divided equally between her daughters.

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### Musical Favorites: What Is Choice of Times? Readers About the Masters?

BRITISH MUSIC AT RECENT ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE: "THE MESSIAH;" FIRST PRODUCED IN DUBLIN; CANADIAN COMPOSER WRITING OPERA

By George J. Dyke

**What Constitutes a Musical Person?**

Cyril Scott, the English composer of international reputation, and champion of modern music; in an article written especially for "Musical America" on the question "What Constitutes a Musical Person?" says, "I find it very difficult to define the word 'musical.' Does it mean fondness for music, the ability to perform music, the capacity to understand music, or does it, in short, mean any one of these things or all of them combined? I take it for granted that we all think we know what is meant by the word music itself. When, however, it becomes connected with the word 'musical,' we are not confronted with the fact that some people are so fond of music that they require to hear it in the theatre, in church, in shops, in restaurants, on the street—anywhere, indeed, except in the law courts. But is this actually music, or is it only that which can be really described as noise? This is a problem, and a matter for discussion. One person says that music is better than noise at all. Another person yearns to hear melodies and the old tunes, and still another abhors any music other than from the classics—the masters. A musical person, we take it, ought then at least to be able really to understand music, whether the piece being played or sung is ancient or modern music. Yet, here again there are many academically minded who understand only the old, and are utterly at sea in understanding the new. But these people call themselves musical and justifiably so, too, for that matter; but such admiration for the old becomes exclusive, stagnant and unprogressive. Now the question arises, does such a one manifest true musical comprehension? It must be answered in the negative, for after all there is such a thing as understanding a matter too well, and by their frequent repetitions all else is excluded in the arena of technical knowledge. A musical person, then, is one who is not always content with the old—the classics—but is willing and eager to explore the new, thus expanding and exercising his musical faculties both in the direction of the familiar and the unfamiliar."

**Inca Native Music**

A recital of Inca native music—the folk tunes of the Indians of Peru, South America, was recently given in New York. It created considerable interest. A particularly beautiful song was "Yaravi," a song of the Andes. These Peruvian folk tunes are accompanied by the natives with bamboo flutes.

**Wichita Has New Municipal Band**

Down in Wichita, Kan., at the recent general election a \$200,000 bond issue was successfully voted for the purpose of completing the stage and auditorium of the Forum Theatre. The new municipal band met with a setback here at its first concert in the Forum four Sundays ago. A series of band concerts will be given on Sunday afternoons during the winter months. Success to the band!

**John Bunyan on Pipe Organ**

A new work for the pipe organ is Ernest Austin's tone poem "The Pilgrim's Progress," based on John Bunyan's great work. It is in two parts, and is a very real contribution to the literature of big works for the organ.

**Sixteenth Century Music at Westminster Abbey**

The remains of an unknown warrior—the dust of a gallant fellow—taken from the drama of the battlefields in France, were laid to rest among the greats of England's race in the bosom of Westminster Abbey on the anniversary of Armistice Day. Here at the unknown's tomb did the British Empire do homage. Fitting it was, too, that British music was represented at the historic and heaven-moving obsequies. Parts of the scores of Croft and Purcell sixteenth century composers, were used in the burial service, and the congregation sang "The Reformation" by Rudyard Kipling, and "God of Our Fathers Known of Old."

**William Croft** (sometimes Crofts) was born in the county of Warwickshire December 20, 1678. He was first a chorister in the Chapel Royal under the great Dr. Blow, and joint organist of the chapel Royal in 1707. He succeeded Dr. Blow as organist at Westminster Abbey. He wrote thirty anthems and a burial service in score in 1724. He was the first English work of church music engraved in score on plates; two odes for his Mus. Doc. Oxon Degree, 1713; some overtures and act tunes for plays, and violin and flute sonatas. He died in 1727 and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

**Henry Purcell**

Born in Westminster, London, November 21, 1658, he also received instruction from Dr. Blow, and was also a chorister in the Chapel Royal. He became organist of Westminster Abbey in 1680. Two years after he succeeded Lowe as organist at the Chapel Royal and in 1683 he received the appointment as composer-in-ordinary to the King. He was one of England's greatest composers. He wrote much incidental music for the drama of the day and many "Odes" and "Welcome Songs." He wrote chamber music in abundance, his first sonatas being published in 1683. "The Yorkshire Feast Song" (one of his best) was produced in 1680. He wrote only one opera, "Dido and Aeneas" (1689). His church music shows him a master of form, an original melodist, a master of all contrapuntal devices, and his chamber works surpass those of his predecessors and contemporaries. His stage music was even more dramatic and melodious than that of his Model Lully, and his sacred compositions were eagerly and profitably studied by Handel. He died in 1695, and lies buried in the north aisle of Westminster Abbey. On his burial tablet is inscribed "Here lies Henry Purcell, Esq., who left this life and is gone to that blessed place where only his harmony can be exceeded."

**Pastor Wanted Everybody to Sing**

Congregational singing at a well-known church in Vancouver is not always of the brightest, and during a recent Sunday service the pastor gave out: "Sing with your souls; if you find that you are not all singing, may ask some of you to sing a verse alone." This furnished the necessary electric spark, and of course, everybody sang. The remark from the pastor, one of the most eloquent

### Soloists in Handel's "Messiah" Tuesday



MRS. R. G. MORRISON  
Soprano.



MRS. S. M. MORTON  
Contralto.

ministers of the West, came during the singing of that fine old hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." The writer has pointed out on more than one occasion that good congregational singing is not only a spiritual stimulant but is a compliment to the pastor, the choir and the organist, in recognition of their ability, their talents and the time they all give to the study and practice of their parts which they give of their best each and every Sunday throughout the year. Good music well rendered is as much in the service of God as is the prayer or the sermon.

It has been the custom for many years past—and the event is always keenly looked forward to—with the choir of the First Presbyterian Church of this city to give during the time of Christmas one of the great oratorios; and what more appropriate next week than the ever-beloved work written in the deepest religious sense, the "Messiah." It is one of the most important of musical works in existence. It is now an inspiration and it is upon this composition that the great fame of George Frederick Handel mainly rests. It took him only twenty-four days to complete it—a most extraordinary feat, notwithstanding such qualifications, to have accomplished in so short a time. It is a singular fact that the work was first produced in a city of Ireland. In those days Dublin was blessed with a lively and cultivated society of its own, which was extremely appreciative of music and the greatest and best in music's realm were always invited to the Irish city. It is no wonder, then that Handel was received with open arms by the people of Dublin, and it was in that city, on April 13, 1742, that his oratorio was performed for the first time. The first London performance of the "Messiah" was on March 23, 1743, when, curiously enough, it was described merely as "a sacred oratorio."

One of the soloists on this occasion will be a former Victorian, now a resident of Portland, Ore. Mr. McMillan Muir, who will take the tenor role. It is interesting to note also that the "Messiah" was given on Wednesday last in Chalmers Church, Vancouver, when Mrs. Edith Lever Hawes sang the soprano solos. It will be remembered that Mrs. Hawes assisted the Arion Club at its first concert here on December 16 with such a signal success.

**A Lesson From Handel**

George Frederick Handel was extremely careful in putting the days and months to all his compositions. In the case of the "Messiah" every part is successively dated. The beginning is dated August 22, 1741, and the conclusion September 1. It will be seen that he only took twenty-four days to write this noble work.

**SOME FAMOUS MUSICIANS; THEIR VISITS AT THE LYCEUM; IRVING'S FRIENDS, BOITO AND PADEREWSKI**

Musicians always took a deep interest in Sir Henry Irving's work, both as an actor and manager. They seemed to understand the significance of everything the actor did. The famous "Beefsteak Room" at the Lyceum was the scene of many a supper at which extraordinary groups of names were to be found, even in small gatherings. The poet-composer Boito visited the Lyceum on June 3, 1893, when Irving was playing "Becket," and came round on the stage to see and congratulate Irving who he said was "the greatest artist he had ever seen." Two nights later Irving invited Boito to supper, and got some musicians and others to meet him. The following were of the party: A. C. Mackenzie, Villiers Stanford, Lamrosch, Jules Claretie, Renaud, Brissou, Le Clerc, Alfred Gilbert, Toole, Hare, Sir Charles Euan Smith, Banroff, Coquelin, Cadet, a wonderful group of celebrities of the day.

**Paderewski**

Paderewski was another of Irving's friends, and frequently had supper in the Beefsteak Room. The pianist offered to write music for some play Irving might be doing and was an immense admirer of the actor's work. Delightful occasions were the assemblies (Henry Irving was always present) at the house of Mrs. Goetz, in Hyde Park Terrace in 1891, 1892 and 1893. At one of the parties Paderewski played Bach's Chromatic Fantasia, an Interlude of Mozart, and a Waltz and Prelude by Chopin. A peculiar incident was the part Paderewski once unconsciously played whilst on a visit to New York, at the time Irving was playing in that city. Hall Caine was in New York also, and one Sunday afternoon in

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### TO SING IN "MESSIAH"

J. E. Pacey, the well-known baritone of Vancouver, will be one of the soloists in the performance of Handel's great oratorio, "The Messiah," which is to be given by a choir of over one hundred voices at the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening, under the direction of Jackson Hanby. Mr. Pacey has an enviable reputation, and has achieved considerable success in oratorio. Of his recent performance in the "Messiah" given at Chalmers Church, Vancouver, The Daily World of that city said:

"J. E. Pacey, the baritone, gave a very finished performance, and it is always a pleasure, particularly to hear that fascinating covered tone of his in the passages that call for tender interpretation.

"The beautiful and demanding 'But Who May Abide,' the aria, 'The People That Walk in Darkness,' with its trying intervals and the most exacting 'Why Do the Nations,' were earnestly and conscientiously taken by Mr. Pacey."



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# OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN AND THE HOME

## Lessons to Be Learned From the Humble Gypsy

That gypsy wives and their ways can teach us much in husbandry and household arts, as well as in other observances of gypsy life, seems preposterous perhaps, yet a city woman who knows them intimately describes their habits as fully warranting the mild disdain and comparison with which they regard ours. This New York woman, who lives a part of the year in a studio apartment in the city and the rest of the year in a country home, fell in with the gypsy folk in an odd but engaging manner. Her shady springtime porch and a passing emergency combined to occasion her fostering the advent of a small, dark-haired, blue-eyed gypsy lady who "could not be born in four walls," as the anxious young father-to-be declared when he dashed in to her for aid.

### The Joyous Jaunt

Since that year that band of gypsy caravanners have been regular visitors and she has gone with them many a joyous jaunt and learned their ways with real humbleness. Their scrupulous and immaculate house-keeping first struck her with amazement and respect. How many of us, for instance, scald and polish our coffee pot after each using with flannel cloths, never used for any other purpose? Alas, or perhaps fortunately, we know nothing, many of us, concerning the washboilers that contain our personal and household articles from week to week, but the Romany housewife keeps two copper boilers, one being exclusively for the table linen, while the other one is always carefully scalded and wiped after being used for underclothing before bed linen is put into it.

The washing is dried and the bedding daily aired upon the most fragrant bushes to be found in the vicinity of the camp. I sniff miserably at my clothes when they come home from the city laundry. The scent of pure air isn't there," says the narrator.

Fresh air is valued in all respects by the Romany folk, as the gypsies call themselves. Perhaps that is partly why they are able to pity us "more civilized" folk for our many physical ills of which they know nothing, as well as for our congested yet contented manner of living, oblivious of nature, with its healing body and spirit. Excepting during beating rain their windows and doors are always open, and their pauses are made and their camps pitched always where the view is the best to be had.

### Facts Little Known

The Romany housewife makes bread only after an elaborate cleansing, little less exact than a sterilizing Baker's bread and pastry she shudders at, and seldom will she condescend to handle butcher's meat. They "cure" their meats themselves, watching the killing at the farmer's and taking away the carcass, immediately to be "put down" in brown sugar and salt. Their vegetables they buy only on condition that they pluck themselves from the garden. The wool for their blankets they buy directly from the back of the sheep and later washing the blankets, never with soap, but with clean gravel in a running stream where it is warmed by the sun, pulling them into shape as they dry on the blossoming clover.

The visiting lady learned from these simple yet fastidious folk to build a fire with four sticks, cook a meal over it and utterly destroy all trace of it when over, a lesson many "civilized" picknickers have not cared to study. She learned, too, to slip into a pretty, "put down" in brown sugar and salt, to scream when a water rat or harmless snake slid by, and

yet to be philosophically indifferent to the inevitable dust of travel and unconscious of ruffled locks or cut of clothes. How much more we care, the mass of us, for externalities, surfaces, outward appearances than for inward immaculateness and intrinsic genuineness. From the unwearyed gypsy, who had never learned to care for things "for appearance's sake," or to estimate beauty by its monetary value, this friend and pupil of theirs learned, she declares, "to like beautiful things for ordinary daily use and to regard with a dull eye 'art for art's sake.'"

These mild, retiring folk despise shoddy, cheap, domestic utensils, yet never do they judge things in terms of money value. This is that diamond would be praised for its blue light, this or that piece of wrought gold exhibited for its workmanship, but when I would exclaim:—"Why, that must be worth hundreds!" the animal would stiffen, and they looked aside wretchedly, as one does at a deadly faux pas committed by a valued friend.

### Women's Rights

What an advance in social usage, not to mention innate seaminess, if mention of costliness were generally considered a faux pas, if the association of its price in cold coin as we admired or displayed a beautiful object sprang neither to our minds nor our lips!

As for "woman's rights" with these odd folk, there is no question for debate or defence in that it has always been a foregone conclusion: No double standard of morals exists among them. Boys are bred in the purity and modesty which we associate primarily with womanhood. The most dreaded fate befalls a boy who fails to abide by this careful training, that of being cast out upon the non-Romany world—but this rarely happens.

Women are given greater liberty because to them is attributed instinctive wisdom, strength of heart, and courage of soul. Instilled with a belief in these inherent qualities, they seldom, if ever violate the confidence reposed in them. Should a girl commit an indiscretion she will not be reviled nor cast out; she will be tacitly tolerated, suffering no unkindness, but the infinitely greater punishment of being robbed of the reverence which is a Romany woman's heritage.

### Good, Bad and Indifferent

Marriage is followed by a year of virtual probation for the husband, in which time he may enter his wife's abode only by her express invitation. If at the end of this period, a divorce should be desired, it is granted by the family council, but divorces are rare. The idea of unequal economic status for wife and husband is inconceivable among them, in fact the wife is always deferred to. But, on the other hand, as our authority puts it, "it is a deadly sin for a harsh man to be spoken to by the woman or to smile upon her married. It is understood that not even the suspicion of unkindness may lie upon her, that all the sweetness of her heart is secondary in interest. No more bitter reproach can be given a Romany woman than that she has made her husband inferior to her children in her regard."

### Despised Yet Not Inferior

There may be something humiliating in the revelation of a little known or negligibly considered if not despised people having left us away behind in many respects, yet there is

something enlivening about it in discouraging anew the endless diversity of our human kind. And if we might undertake to cultivate, in addition to our vaunted advantage over their manner of life, their appreciation of the repose and refreshment of the great outdoors, their hatred of dirt and discord and raucous, strident noises, we might in time use our superior inventiveness and ingenuity to bring about less noisy apparatus for our daily life and, above all, clearer and more beautiful streets, public buildings and even homes, more trees more green play places, more room and air and light where we live.

### SNOW-ON-THE-MOUNTAIN POTATOES

Potatoes, hot milk, butter substitute, salt and pepper, cheese, parsley. Scrub potatoes of uniform size until clean. Bake until mealy. Remove tops, scoop out contents, gradually add a little hot milk, butter substitute, salt and pepper. Pile high in the shells, sprinkle tops with grated cheese and return to oven until slightly browned and very hot. Decorate with sprigs of parsley.

### PEACH SALAD

Pare, cut the peaches in halves, remove the stones, arrange the halves neatly in a bowl, with the stone side up, then pour over them. Serve with a dressing made of the yolks of two eggs, beaten to a cream, gradually adding the juice of two lemons and one cup of powdered sugar. Garnish with geranium leaves.

### TEMPTING THE APPETITE

A new way to garnish a fricassee of fowl is with fried croutons of bread. Split a cream cake shell, fill with vanilla ice cream and pour over it thin chocolate sauce.

An unusual salad dressing is made with equal amounts of whipped cream and honey.

Dates are a wholesome food. Serve them at breakfast with hot cereal and top milk.

Soft gingerbread is improved by spreading with meringue cream as soon as it is cool.

Ducks are delicious served with turnips cooked in the same vessel, and course of soul. Instilled with a belief in these inherent qualities, they seldom, if ever violate the confidence reposed in them. Should a girl commit an indiscretion she will not be reviled nor cast out; she will be tacitly tolerated, suffering no unkindness, but the infinitely greater punishment of being robbed of the reverence which is a Romany woman's heritage.

One third cup grape nuts may be used in place of walnuts in candy. When making coffee, if you like it clear, try breaking an egg into it, shell and all.



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### SANITARY SAFEGUARDS

Stoppage in pipes is often due to hardened grease or to an accumulation of hair and lint. The waste pipes should be flushed thoroughly after using, so that the waste is carried out of the house pipes and the trap left full of clean water. A trap in a waste pipe is a curved section so arranged that water remains in it and prevents the passage of sewer gas into the house. If the water left in the trap is not clean decomposition may take place and odors and gases may come from the impurities in the water itself. Precautions should be taken to prevent oil and grease from going down the waste pipe from the kitchen sink, because being lighter than water they tend to remain floating on the surface of the water in the trap.

Occasionally more than cold, or even hot, water is necessary to clear out the accumulated grease, lint, miscellaneous dirt and bits of refuse. Washing soda is ordinarily strong enough for bathroom pipes, and may be used in the proportion of one part "liquid" soda made by boiling one pound of washing soda and one quart of water in an old kettle to twelve parts hot water, or one pound of dry soda thoroughly dissolved in three gallons of boiling water.

The drain pipe from the kitchen sink may sometimes need a stronger cleanser, even if it is thoroughly cleaned and flushed after each dish-washing, and for this purpose caustic potash is efficacious, but must be used carefully—the hands must be protected and the potash must not be allowed to touch porcelain or porcelain lined sinks, because it may destroy the glaze. One pound of crystals dissolved in two quarts of water should be poured down the drain. About half an hour later the pipe should be flushed with clear water. Caustic soda, although sometimes recommended, is not desirable, because it is likely to unite with the grease and form a hard soap that is difficult to remove from the pipes. Fine scourers may be used on all fixtures. For porcelain and enameled iron fixtures kerosene and whitening are especially good; the kerosene cuts the grease and the whitening supplies the abrasion. Some of the commercial cleaning preparations used for enameled and porcelain fixtures contain scourers so gritty that they scratch the surface, and thus make the work of cleaning gradually hard-

er. Nothing coarser than whitening should be allowed.

Bathroom fixtures should be cleaned daily. Tubs and bowls should be scrubbed with a fine scourer or with water containing a little kerosene, rinsed with clear hot water and wiped dry. The stain made by water, containing an excess of iron may be removed from porcelain or porcelain lined tubs and bowls with oxalic acid solution, which is a poison and must be entirely washed off. The overflow pipes should be flushed occasionally with hot water, for dirt and grease are likely to collect and decompose there.

The toilet should be kept scrupulously clean. A daily cleaning is necessary. The bowl should be flushed, washed with hot soap-suds or soda solution and a long handled brush, and flushed again. Then the seat, the cover, the chain and the handle should be washed and wiped. All cloths and utensils used in cleaning the bathroom should be scalded and dried, preferably in the open air.

The crust of lime which is sometimes deposited by hard water can be removed from porcelain and porcelain lined fixtures with hydrochloric acid. This acid is very poisonous and is also injurious to the skin and to many materials, including the metals used in plumbing. It must, therefore, be handled with extreme care. To clean the bowl of a closet ball out as much water as possible, pour in about a pint of commercial hydrochloric acid, sometimes called muriatic acid, and let this stand for several hours, or until the crust crumbles when poked with a stick.

Then flush with a large quantity of water. The water in the tank is not enough; more must be poured in by hand in order to dilute the acid and carry it away rapidly. In a porcelain lined sink or bathtub the acid must not be allowed to stand on the cold earthenware, because it may get through to the metal underneath and eat that away. It must, therefore, be applied drop by drop to the lime and flushed out with plenty of water as soon as the crust begins to crumble when pressed.

### APPLE VINEGAR

Use the cores and parings of apples used in canning. Place the parings and cores into earthen jar, cover with cold water and allow one cup of molasses or brown sugar for every gallon of water. Cover with cheesecloth, set aside for three weeks, then strain and bottle.

Russian women are volunteering to fight against General Wrangle, the anti-Bolshevik leader in South Russia, and already thousands have been sent to the first-line trenches.

## The Charm of Informal Entertainments

Just at this season of the year many women are looking forward with keen interest to getting in touch once more with friends whom they have not seen during the course of the past months or of renewing acquaintances made during the summer vacation. There seems no pleasant form of re-union than to give an afternoon tea, for it is an entertainment so simple as not to overtax our resources of mind or pocketbook.

### Afternoon Tea

The fact that fall housecleaning is over and done with, that fresh curtains are hung and everything in the home refurbished and "dotted up" lends zest to the housewife's pride of possession and desire to exhibit the result of her handiwork. In other words, there is no time in the year in which the home is so likely to be in a double-breasted fresh paint and wall paper make a good background to the newly upholstered living room furniture or dining room chairs, and we would gladly have a friendly criticism of the changes we have made. Everything may be looking spick and span just now—but alas! In this daisy city the charming fact that we soon may want to let our friends know our new address, makes November or early December the best time to send out cards for an afternoon tea; or if we have not moved we may wish to apprise them of the fact that we are still at the old address where we will gladly welcome them once more.

### Informal Parties

Whether the tea shall be small and informal or a large affair depends, of course, on individual cases as well as on the state of the finances, though the latter need not be deterrent. Delightful little parties of ten or twelve, held in the most informal way, are the most likely to be congenial. More ambitious affairs, numbering hundreds of guests, need a spacious house or at least an apartment having living room, dining room and library en suite. Cards for formal teas should be sent out a week or two days in advance of the date chosen; if there is a guest of honor or a debutante daughter two weeks is the proper time. A few intimate friends are asked to assist in receiving and can do much to make the afternoon a success by going among the guests with a cordial and gracious manner, bringing the right people together, breaking up awkward groups and seeing that all are served with refreshments.

### Pretty Helpers

Two especially pretty girls are generally selected by the hostess to pour tea, their youth and beauty adding much to the attractiveness of the room. For the small and informal tea it is better to phone rather than to send cards or invitation. You then know definitely how many to expect and can plan to fill the places of those who cannot accept.

Even in a kitchenette apartment and minus a maid the small tea can be carried off successfully if the trays are carefully arranged in advance and if all is well planned. A tea wagon is a wonderful aid, though not by any means necessary, for any small affair, preferably of a lower shelf, will do. A card table, covered with a lace and linen cloth, is an excellent substitute, and this, with a three tier muffin stand, should answer all purposes. If you are the fortunate possessor of a silver tea service and tray you will naturally want to use it, but there are charming china tea sets to be found in the gift shops that, while colorful and attractive, are not at all expensive. These usually include small individual plates to match the cups, a cake plate and a covered dish for hot toast or muffins. But whether your service is of the finest or simplest variety it must be complete in detail to make the service of the tea run smoothly.

### Be Prepared

The tray should be arranged some time before the hour set for the arrival of the guests so that you may not be flustered and ruffled at the last moment. It should contain the

teakettle, with its alcohol lamp carefully filled, and matches close at hand, the teapot and strainer or a teaball as you prefer; a bowl in which to pour the water with which you will heat the teapot before making the tea; a well filled tea caddy, sugar bowl and tongs, cream pitcher, small tray and fork for slices of lemon and two cups and saucers with spoons. The undercloth of the table should contain the extra cups and saucers and the small plates, with a folded tea napkin between each.

If jam or marmalade is to be served with the toast, silver and glass jars is necessary, and small butter spreaders should be placed on the plates. The muffin stand will hold the cakes, sandwiches, cinnamon toast or whatever your preferences may suggest, and it is an easy way to offer them to the guests.

If there is no maid, however, toast, hot biscuits, muffins, scones or Sally Lunn, anything that must be prepared at the last moment and kept hot, is an unwise choice, and should not be attempted. Instead, the delight of sandwiches can be made hours before and kept fresh by wrapping them in paraffin paper or covering with a damp napkin.

### Aids to Mine Hostess

If you have the time and patience cut the bread for the sandwiches in fancy shapes rather than the commonplace three cornered variety. At Christmas time a star is appropriate for Valentine's Day, a heart; St. Patrick's Day the clover; for card parties, spades, clubs, diamonds and hearts; Boston brown bread should be cut in rounds or with a doughnut cutter, and the larger end of the loaf will make crescent shaped sandwiches. To make really good sandwiches the bread must be a day old and the regular sandwich loaf should be purchased. One loaf will make thirty-six three-cornered sandwiches, as each slice makes one sandwich, but cutting with any of the fancy shapes considerable bread is wasted, and as each sandwich takes two slices it will require two loaves of bread for thirty-six. One Boston brown bread loaf will make only about eight sandwiches. Of course, the bread need not really be wasted, for the trimmings may be fried and used for bread pudding, steamed pudding, for stuffing fowl, or rolled out finely, put in a baking powder tin and used for bread crumbs, which will keep indefinitely if kept tightly closed.

### Delicious Sandwiches

If you are likely to give many teas during the course of the winter, or if you have frequent picnics in summer, you will find it well worth while to invest in a bread cutter; however, a little practice will soon make perfect in slicing bread thinly with an ordinary bread knife. The bread should be buttered generously, no matter what the filling, for this helps to prevent the bread from becoming dry as well as holding the slices together. As to the filling, lettuce and mayonnaise is always popular, also cream cheese with crisp green peppers or pimientos or chopped nuts. For chicken sandwiches use only the white meat of cold fowl, which should be put through the food chopper and well moistened with mayonnaise. Sardine or anchovy sandwiches are also good, especially if combined with finely chopped hard boiled eggs.

With the tea table drawn up in front of an open fire with such ample face and light and entertaining conversation, a hostess may be sure that her guests will linger long, leave regretfully and look back with pleasure on a charming afternoon.

So much for the small and informal tea. In larger homes where adequate service is within reach, more elaborate, though perhaps no more pleasurable affairs, may be attempted. It is possible to crowd many formally arranged tables in the dining room, a buffet service, or to have a few tables of bridge or music, a guest of honor, or to bring out a debutante daughter. For the latter purpose the dance is still the usual form of entertainment.

But whether your home is small or stately, your parties will not be a success unless you make them either informal unless by your own presence and personality you infuse into the atmosphere the charm of a gracious welcome, a warm sympathy and a lively interest.

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# SERVICES IN THE CITY CHURCHES



## The Shepherd of Bethlehem

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A Legend of Christmas.

The shepherds watched their hillside flocks  
By slumbering Bethlehem,  
While overhead the blinking stars  
Kept watchful watch o'er them.

And all were youths or sturdy men,  
Save Mordecai, and he  
Was bowed with weight of ninety years;  
His hair gleamed snowily.

Then, suddenly, before them stood  
A form so wondrous fair,  
They knew some heavenly messenger  
Had come to meet them there.

With gentle voice to them he spake  
"O faithful shepherds true!  
This day are tidings of great joy  
By me declared to you.

"In yonder Bethlehem's crowded inn,  
Within a manger laid,  
Ye'll find the Home of Jesus  
Born of a humble maid.

"He whom the prophets long foretold  
Would peace and comfort bring,  
Lies lowly there, go seek Him out;  
Adore your Lord and King."

Then blazed around a holy light  
As angel choirs appeared  
And sang, till echoed far and wide  
Glad strains that soothed and cheered.

"All glory, glory, be to God,  
To highest Heaven's ken;  
And peace, sweet peace, be on the earth;  
Goodwill among all men."

The anthem ceased; the vision passed,  
And silence reigned around;  
But every shepherd's heart was stirred  
To inmost depths profound.

They rose with one accord and said,  
"Let us to Bethlehem,  
And see this wondrous royal Babe,  
And touch His garment's hem."

"Oh! Leave me not!" cried Mordecai,  
I fain would go with ye;  
I've yearned these many hoary years  
Our nation's Hope to see.

"Yea, could I only see His face,  
The King foretold of yore,  
Then would I gladly lay me down  
And sleep to wake no more."

"Peace, Peace, Old Man," young Ezra  
Cried,  
"Thou needs must here abide;  
For didst thou go, we'd not be come  
Till morrow's high noontide."

Then onward passed the shepherd ranks,  
And down the hillside crept,  
While Mordecai with broken heart  
Sank on his knees and wept.

He knelt upon the dewy grass,  
His face clasped in his hands,  
And into them his tear-drops fell,  
Like rains on barren lands.

"O God!" he cried, "Thou'lt help me long,  
Yet what my life complete,  
And bring me to this blessed Babe,  
That I may kiss His feet."

All suddenly he heard a voice,  
And looking up in fear,  
He saw what made his heart rejoice,  
The angel standing near.

"Why weepest thou?" the angel said,  
"My Lord," cried Mordecai,  
"Too old am I to go with them  
Who would the King espay."

"My eyes have longed since spriny youth  
This glorious day to see,  
And lo! 'tis come! But age's chains  
Bind close and trammel me."

"Weep not, weep not, O Mordecai,  
For God hath heard thy prayer;  
Look in thy hands, and take the King  
That which thou findest there."

Behold, when Mordecai looked down,  
Each tear was now a gem,  
Set by the angel's touch within  
A golden diadem.

"Go now to yonder Bethlehem;  
This to the infant bring;  
For Youth may offer praise and gifts,  
But Age shall crown Him King."

With strange new strength, and eager zeal,  
Good Mordecai sped down,  
And guided by the angel, found  
The stable in the town.

Within the manger lay the Babe,  
In long white clothes arrayed,  
And by His side in loving watch  
Sat Mary, Mother-maid.

Before Him knelt the shepherd rough,  
So awed they feared to stir;  
While rich kings from afar gave gifts  
Of incense, gold and myrrh.

But Mordecai went in and knelt  
Before the humble bed;  
With trembling hand he placed the crown  
Upon the infant's head.

Then in a vision rapt they saw  
Descend the angel train,  
And in their ears the holy song  
Of peace rang out again.

"All glory, glory, be to God  
To highest Heaven's ken;  
And peace, sweet peace be on the earth;  
Goodwill among all men."

Then bent an angel o'er the Babe,  
And from His smiling brow  
He took the crown, and gently said,  
"Too soon He wears this now."

"True King is He, but e'er this crown  
His royal brow adorns,  
A ruler crown must rankle there,  
A sorrow crown of thorns.

"But when the last stiff human knee  
Shall in repentance bend,  
This diadem in radiance shall  
From Heaven's height descend.

"And then shall earth's most aged son  
Present earth's royal vow,

## GUSTAVE DORE'S PICTURE OF NATIVITY



Of the nineteenth century artists who gave their attention to the depiction of the sacred pages of the Bible, Louis A. Gustave Dore stands out as the example of mediaevalism among the moderns. The stately majesty of Burne-Jones's "Star of Bethlehem," and the simplicity of Holman Hunt's pictures of the youthful Christ in the Temple have no place in the remarkable portrayals of that great French artist, de-

signed, and sculptor, who achieved so much in half a century's work. Attached by the connoisseurs as few artists have been, the man who was described by one famous critic as fit to be the chief designer in Hell—for who thinks of Carey's translation of the "Inferno" without Dore's fearful imaginings of Dante's journey through the circles of the lower regions. Dore crowded into his life wonderful achievements in every realm of art,

and attained fame in them all. But to the British public his illustrations of the Bible, issued in 1864, from which the above picture is taken, of Dore, Corvantes, and others, have rendered his name a household word. Although as one critic says, Dore could never paint a saint, his Biblical illustrations have taken their place with the Italian masterpieces in conjuring up the idea of those events which are interwoven with the history of religion and civilization.

And lifting up this Kingly crown,  
He'll place it on Christ's brow.  
"And He shall reign from pole to pole;  
The world shall homage bring.  
Yea, Youth shall offer praise and gifts,  
But Age must crown Him King."

Then up through rafter, beam, and thatch,  
The angel legion flew,  
But Mordecai's rejoicing soul  
Had with the angels fled.

Young Ezra then approached his side,  
And took his hand in dread;  
But Mordecai's rejoicing soul  
Had with the angels fled.

Organ—"Berceuse in C".....Hollins  
Solo and chorus—"O Thou That Tearest".....Handel  
Soloists Mrs. Mayell  
Anthem—"There Were Shepherds".....Burch  
Solo by Miss Morton  
Organ—"Offertoire in E Flat".....Batiste  
Evening.  
Organ—(a) Pastoral Symphony.....Handel  
(b) "Pastorale in E".....Yon  
Chorus—"Worthy is the Lamb"  
Solo—"He Shall Feed His Flock"  
Mrs. Mayell.  
Carol Anthem—"The Christmas Story"  
Solo by Mrs. Hill and Miss Morton  
Solo—"Nazareth".....Gounod  
Mr. Wm. Melville.  
Chorus—"Hallelujah".....Handel  
Organ—"The Silver Trumpets".....Viviani

To-night at Cathedral.—A Christmas Choral service, with an illuminated Christmas tree, will be held this evening in Christ Church Cathedral at 7.30. A special order of service is followed, in the course of which the decorated Christmas tree is illuminated, and children and others bring their gifts, to be afterwards distributed to the homes of needy families.

CHURCH TO INCORPORATE.  
Notice is given in the Canada Gazette that an application will be made at the next session of Parliament by the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada, for the purpose of the government of the said Church and to enable it to acquire, hold and dispose of property for the purposes of the said Church.

## CHURCH GOING WANES SAYS TORONTO PASTOR

The Rev. A. Logan Geggie who has just celebrated his twenty-first anniversary as pastor of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, is now the fifth oldest minister serving the Presbyterian Church in Toronto. "Toronto is not as good a church-going community as it used to be," replied Mr. Geggie, in answer to a question asking what was the greatest change he had witnessed during twenty-one years. "It is still above the average in this respect," he added, "but there has been a great falling off. I attribute this, in the main, to two causes—the automobiles and immigration. It is a simple thing for entire families to transport themselves far from home on Sundays and the great proportion of those who own cars do so to the great detriment of the churches. There has been a great influx of immigrants, particularly from the Old Country, whose church connections at home were only nominal, and who seized the opportunity presented by being in a new country to break off church relationship entirely. The influence of this large section of the population has affected our own Canadian people."

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO BELFAST FROM SIR EDWARD CARSON

Belfast, Dec. 24.—Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, in a Christmas message to the people of Belfast says: "I am afraid the present Christmas in many parts of Ireland finds little subject for congratulations, a time of peace that ought to reign at such a time. The crimes and outrages which are doing so much to ruin the fair name of Ireland are, in themselves, a blot on that Christianity, the birth of which we celebrate at this time. But let our prayers be offered that a great change may soon be brought about, and let us in Ulster try and show by example the 'carrying out' of the doctrine of the religion to which we adhere to the great benefit of all the people and to the glory of Christianity."

St. Paul's Lutheran Church.—The Sunday School of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner Princess Avenue and Chambers Street, will give the annual Christmas programme Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. An excellent programme has been arranged, telling the Christmas story of the Christ-child in all simplicity and love. Fitting music will be rendered by the choir. Paul Schmuel and Mrs. Kibler will furnish several violin selections. Mrs. Weber is the vocal soloist.

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S, ESQUIMALT, SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The following is the programme for the Carol Service and Twilight Recital to be given at St. Paul's Church, Esquimalt, on Sunday, December 24, at 3 p.m.: Hymn No. 73—"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing".....Smart  
Carol—"Upon the Snow Clad Earth".....Sullivan  
Carol—"Bethlehem Land".....T. Tertius Noble  
Anthem—"I Came Upon the Midnight Snow".....Stainer  
Solo, Mr. White.  
Organ—(a) Pastoral.....Gullman  
(b) Water Scene (Narcissus).....Nevin  
Carol—"Ye Bells of Christmas Time".....Berridge  
Carol—"Sweetly Sang the Angels".....Dunhill  
Hymn No. 78—"Angels from the Realms of Glory".....Gounod  
Organ—"March Militaire".....Gounod  
Anthem—"While Shepherds Watched".....Smart  
Hymn No. 24—"Morn Hath Passed Away".....Morn

## CAROL SERVICE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY

The evening service at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 24, will take the form of a special carol service. Miss Buckler and Mr. J. Petrie will be the musical numbers:  
Carol—"What Child is This".....Pletcher  
Good King Wenceslas.....Silent Night  
Angels From the Realms of Glory.....The Birthday of a King  
Anthem.  
See Amid the Winter Snow.....West  
Ring Out Wild Bells.....Pletcher  
Sweetly Through the Night.....Shelley

Dr. Sippel to Speak.—On Tuesday, December 28, at 8 o'clock, a supper will be given in the children of the Hampshire Road Sunday School. At 7 p.m. Mr. Ritchie will give lantern slides on the Christmas story. Dr. Sippel will give the address of the evening. The entertainment will commence at 8 p.m.

## SURPRISE PARTY.

Supported by a number of leading laymen, the ladies of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Victoria West, gave the pastor, Rev. Dr. Maclean, and Mrs. Maclean, a surprise party on Thursday afternoon which took the form of a Christmas dinner. The Christmas gifts, after unpacking baskets and hampers, the visitors served daily refreshments. Mesdames Ross, Cotford, Dillingham and Dickson being in charge.  
The message, which was purchased by the congregation last May, was tastefully decorated for the Christmas season with holly, ivy and evergreens. White chrysanthemums and pink and white carnations were used to advantage in the hall, drawing room and dining room.

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN CITY CHURCHES

Midnight Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral To-night; Services To-morrow

In accordance with time-honored custom, music appropriate to the season will be rendered in the city churches at the services on Christmas Day and Sunday. Carols, both old and new, will be sung by the congregations while the choir will render appropriate anthems, with special solos by leading singers. At St. Andrew's Cathedral this evening Midnight Mass will be celebrated with special services throughout Christmas Day. In the Anglican churches of the city, including Christ Church Cathedral, special services will be held to-morrow morning.

Christ Church.  
On Christmas Day, five services of Holy Communion will be held in Christ Church Cathedral at 8 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 11 a.m. At the choral service at eleven o'clock, Dr. J. E. Watson's musical setting to the communion service will be sung, and the sermon will be preached by the Bishop of the diocese, Right Rev. G. D. Schofield. All offertories in Anglican churches on Christmas day are devoted to the Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Sunday Services  
On Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock service, the special festival music will include Maunder's Te Deum in B Flat, and the Very Rev. C. S. Qualton will preach the sermon. The Dean's subject will be, "Emanuel; God with Us."  
Carols and other Christmas music will be sung at the choral evening service at seven o'clock, when the Dean is announced to preach on "Discouragement." Its perils and consequences at this season, the Rev. Herbert Harris' anthem, "There Shall Come a Star Out of Bethlehem," will be rendered by the choir, and Mr. S. J. Charman will sing the solo, "The Star of Bethlehem."

St. John's.  
St. John's—On Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and at 11 a.m. Morning prayer and Holy Communion at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Rev. A. P. Chadwick will be assisted by Rev. Canon Hinchcliffe, M.P.P., who will deliver the Christmas message at the 11 o'clock service. The church has been beautifully decorated with evergreens and holly and appropriate music will be rendered by the choir. "The Christmas story" will be carried into the services on Sunday, when there will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Rev. C. D. Schofield, Bishop of Columbia, Sunday Services, Holy Communion, 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. The Rev. C. D. Schofield, Bishop of Columbia, Sunday Services, Holy Communion, 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. The Rev. C. D. Schofield, Bishop of Columbia, Sunday Services, Holy Communion, 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

The musical items to be given at the services at the First Congregational Church Sunday will all be of an appropriate character to the Christmas season. At the evening service, this being the regular monthly recital programme has been arranged, and a full choir will be in attendance. The programme is as follows:  
Organ—Pastoral Symphony (Messiah).....Handel  
Solo—"Sleep Little Son," Maunder  
Mrs. Lock  
Anthem—"Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come".....Elvey  
Choir.  
Solo—"He Shall Feed His Flock".....Handel  
Solo—"Come Unto Him".....Handel  
Solo, Miss Hio.  
Organ—"Pastorale".....Wely  
Anthem—"O Zion, There's a Welcome for You".....Stainer  
Solo, Choir.  
Solo—"Nazareth".....Gounod  
Anthem—"There Were Shepherds".....Buck  
Choir. Solo by Mrs. Lock.  
Organ—"Offertoire".....Brient  
Miss Winifred Scowcroft, Organist.  
Frederic King, Conductor.

Reformed Episcopal.  
A service will be held at the Reformed Episcopal Church, Humboldt Street, to-morrow morning at 10.45 when the Rev. T. E. Gladstone will preach. On Sunday evening a musical service will be held, when the choir, with special soloists, will render carols and anthems.

St. Saviour's Church, Victoria West.—The choir will render some special music at the evening service on Sunday. Mrs. M. Grady Bick will be the special soloist at the conclusion of the service there will be the usual carols. Services will commence at 7 p.m. J. H. W. Fidler presiding at the organ.

## ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT.

Rev. W. Leveredge, who has been in temporary charge of Holy Trinity Church, Cumberland, during the past seven months, since the Rev. F. Comley left to proceed to England, has decided to accept charge of the parish. Very strong inducements were presented to Mr. Leveredge to return to Anyox to take up the community work which he so successfully inaugurated during his sojourn there, and subsequently the vicar found it difficult to arrive at a decision.

## EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

REV. WILLIAM STEVENSON  
CHRISTMAS SERVICES  
11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.—Sermons by REV. WILLIAM STEVENSON  
Christmas Carols, Anthems, Hymns and Solos—Orchestra in the Evening  
Sunday School, 2.30 p.m.—Christmas Story by the Pastor  
Christmas Tree, Wednesday, 29th, at 5.30 p.m.

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Pastor, REV. W. D. SPENCE.  
11 a.m.  
"THE WHY OF CHRISTMAS."

## METHODIST

HAMPSHIRE ROAD CHURCH—Sunday services, 11 and 7.30. Sunday School, 2.30. Morning service, "The Hour and the Godman," evening subject, "The Superhuman Kingdom." Anthems, "Arise, Shine," and "Glad Tidings." Preacher, W. Evans Day, LL.D.

## ANGLICAN

ST. BARNABAS, corner Cook and Calcutta. Sunday services, 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist; 10.30, Matins and Litany (said); 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist (sung); 7 p.m., Evensong. Car No. 3 passes the church.

ST. SAVOUIR'S, corner Catherine and Henry Streets. Services for Christmas Day: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 11 a.m.; Sunday after Christmas Day: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Special Christmas Music, carols, etc. Special soloist, Mrs. Grady Bick.

ST. JOHN'S, Quadra St. Rector, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M.A. Christmas Day: 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 7 p.m., Evensong and Special Christmas Music, including the Christmas Carols. A happy Christmas and a cordial welcome to all best-wishers.

## REFORMED EPISCOPAL

CHURCH OF OUR LORD, corner Humboldt and Blanshard Streets. Morning service, 11; evening service, 7.30. Rector, Rev. A. de R. V. C. A.

## YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

ROBUCRICIAN FELLOWSHIP  
ROBUCRICIAN FELLOWSHIP will meet every Thursday at 8 p.m., Room 324, Pemberton Building, Fort Street, non-sectarian. For details apply to the secretary.

## SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS—Meeting house, Fern Street, off Fort. Meeting for worship, 11 a.m.

## PRESBYTERIAN

GEO. TILGNER and Walter, Sunday morning service, 11 o'clock. "God's Gift to the World. Christmas greetings to all. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preacher, Rev. Daniel Walker, pastor.

## UNITARIAN

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH—Morning service, 11 a.m. "A Christmas Sermon." Strangers cordially invited.

## LUTHERAN

ST. PAUL'S, corner Chambers and Princedale. Services Christmas morning at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Christmas service at 11. The Sunday School Christmas programme at 7 in the evening. Welcome. R. F. Kibler, pastor.

## SPIRITUALISM

FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH, St. John's Hall, Herald Street. Meeting, 2.30 and 7.30. Lectures, "Trance, Past, Present and Future," solo, Mr. Sampson; solo, Mr. Griffiths.

## St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

REV. W. LESLIE CLAY, D.D., Minister.  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1920.  
CHRISTMAS SERVICES  
11 a.m.,  
"THE WONDROUS BIRTH,"  
2.30 p.m.,  
Sunday School and Bible Class.  
7.30 p.m.,  
"THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS."  
At all services special Christmas music from the great Oratorios. The "Hallelujah Chorus" in the evening.  
Soloists, Mrs. Mayell and Mr. Melville.  
A cordial welcome awaits you.

## NEW THOUGHT TEMPLE

835 PANDORA AVE.  
Dr. T. W. Butler will speak at 11 a.m. "GLORIFY THE GOD"  
7.30 p.m.  
"The Tonic of Good Cheer"  
Come and Hear the New Thought Gospel

## 7.30 p.m. CHRISTMAS RECITAL

Organ, "Pastoral Symphony" (Handel); Solo, "Sleep, Little Son" (Maunder); Mrs. Lock; Anthem, "Arise, Shine for Thy Light is Come" (Elvey); Solo, "He Shall Feed His Flock" (Handel); Miss Scowcroft, Solo, "Come Unto Him" (Handel); Miss Hio; Organ, "Pastorale" (Wely); Anthem, "O Zion, That Bringest Good Tidings" (Stainer); Solo, "Nazareth" (Gounod); Mr. E. L. Lock; Anthem, "There Were Shepherds" (Buck); Organ, "Offertoire" (Brient); Miss Winifred Scowcroft, Organist. Mr. Frederic King, Conductor. A hearty welcome awaits you in this church.

## ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Henry Street, Victoria West (Cars 4 and 5).  
11 a.m.—"CHRISTMAS LESSONS."  
Bible School and Young Men's Class, 2.30.  
7.30 p.m.—"CONCEALING THE KING."  
Preacher, Dr. Maclean (both services).

## Metropolitan Methodist Church

Corner Pandora and Quadra.  
Rev. W. J. Sippel, D.D., Pastor. G. A. Downard, Choir Leader. E. Parsons, Organist.

## Christmas Services Sunday

11 A.M.  
Sermon—"GOD'S WAYS AND OURS"—Dr. Sippel  
Anthem—"Thus Saith the Lord of Hosts".....Stainer  
Solo (by Request)—"The Children's Home".....Cowan  
Sunday School Session 2.30 p.m.  
Sunday School Christmas Entertainment, Wednesday, December 29  
7.00 p.m.—Organ Recital, Mr. Parsons  
7.30 p.m.—Choral Service, "The Messiah"  
1. Chorus....."And the Glory of the Lord"  
2. Recit.—Alto....."Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive"  
Alr.....Mrs. Morton and Choir  
3. Recit.—Bass....."For Behold Darkness"  
Alr.....Mrs. Downard  
4. Chorus....."For Unto Us a Child is Born"  
5. Recit.—Soprano....."There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field"  
(c) "And Lo! The Angel of the Lord Came"  
(d) "And the Angel Said Unto Them"  
(e) "And Suddenly There Was With the Angel"  
Mrs. G. A. Downard  
Chorus....."Glory to God"  
6. Alr.—Soprano....."Rejoice Greatly O Daughter of Zion"  
Mrs. G. A. Downard  
7. Chorus....."Hallelujah Chorus"  
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## Fairfield Methodist Church

Cor. Moss and Fairfield Road. Minister, REV. S. COOK.  
11 a.m.—"Christmas Message"—Soloist, Mr. Paul Green  
2.30 p.m.—White Gift Service  
7.30 p.m.—Masonic Service  
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Evening—Musical Service by the Choir. Soloists, Misses Mary Middleton, Helen Johnston, Isabel Elliott and Mr. J. O. Steves  
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"Hark, Those Holy Voices".....Dunham  
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MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOT. The Canadian Scottish Rifle Association held their regular weekly shoot last evening. In the ladies' section Mrs. Case won the pick of Oxford and three prizes for a group competition, first place being won by Miss D. Richardson, second by Mrs. Case and the third was tied for by Miss Dover, Mrs. Faulkner and Mrs. Morris.

CORNELL RUNNERS IN FAST WORKOUT. Cambridge, Eng., Dec. 24.—Cornell University's cross-country runners, who will meet the pick of Oxford and other Universities at Rothampton on December 30, took their first practice yesterday, covering the five-mile Cambridge course.

Ladies' Section. Ten Rounds at 20 Yards. Miss Richardson 98, Mrs. Faulkner 94, Mrs. Case 93, Mrs. Morris 93, Miss E. Morris 93, Miss Dover 93, Miss Wood 91.

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MONTREAL STARTS RELIEF SCHEME. Plans For Amelioration of Unemployment Situation.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—In order to ameliorate the unemployment situation in this city, arrangements were made yesterday to put 500 men at work on the streets to-day while the civic officials also are awarding contracts which will provide a considerable amount of employment. It was decided that the scheme of the Dominion Government that the city should pay one-third the cost of relief work, the provincial government another third and the Dominion Government the balance, should be accepted.

GOVERNMENT GAINS SEAT BY GRAND FORKS RECOUNT.

Alberni. Major R. J. Burde (Ind.) 841, Brig.-Gen. N. E. Money (Soldier-Farmer) 875, H. E. Langis (Lib.) 848. Burde plurality 176. Comox. Rev. Thomas Menzies (Independent) 1,284, W. E. Anderson (Conservative) 1,232, Hugh Stewart (Liberal) 806, W. W. R. McInnes (Independent Liberal) 721, Independent plurality 121. Cowichan. Kenneth Duncan (Indep.) 1,145, G. A. Cheeke (Con.) 1,032, Independent plurality 113. Cranbrook. Hon. J. H. King (Lib.) majority over T. D. Cavan (Con.) 57. Esquimalt. R. H. Peoley (Con.) 1,159, H. C. Heigsen (Lib.) 687, Capt. B. J. Gadsden (Sol.-Lab.) 480. Conservative plurality 472. The votes tallied December 1 have not been recounted. There were twenty-nine rejected ballots. The absentee count as follows: R. H. Peoley, 31; H. C. Heigsen, 34, and B. C. Gadsden, 43. Of the spoiled ballots 19 were void for identification, 6 for uncertainty and 4 for want of official stamp.

Fernie. T. Uphill (Labor) 926, L. S. K. Hercher (Con.) 769, A. J. Fisher (Lib.) 719. Labor plurality 157. The Islands. M. B. Jackson, K.C. (Lib.) 481, George Clark (Con.) 481, Col. Carey (Ind.) 260. Liberal plurality 100. Kamloops. F. W. Anderson (Government) 1,417, J. O. Stevens (Farmer) 1,401, M. F. Crawford (Opposition) 1,295. Liberal plurality 112. Kaslo. Col. F. Lister (Conservative-United Farmer) 758, Hon. John Keen (Lib.) 729. Conservative majority 19. Nanaimo. Hon. Wm. Sloan (Lib.) 1,370, T. A. Barnard (Fed.-Lab.) 1,171, Capt. Gilchrist (Con.) 785. Liberal plurality 199. New Westminster. David Whiteside (Lib.) 1,980, W. J. Sloan (Indep.) 1,611, William Gifford (Con.) 1,000. Liberal plurality 369. Omineca. A. M. Manson (Lib.) 620, Capt. Murray (Con.) 273, A. J. Prudhomme (Ind.) 78, J. S. Kelly (Lib.) 78. Liberal plurality 343. Absentee vote 180, rejected 8, spoiled 2. Similkameen. W. A. MacKenzie (Con.) majority over E. J. Chambers (Lib.) 84. Slooan. William Hunter (Opposition) 568, C. F. Nelson (Government) 474, A. Harvey Smith (O.B.U.) 328. Conservative plurality 92. Newcastle. S. Guthrie (Soc.) 704, W. G. Fraser (Lib.-Con.) 424, J. H. Hawthornthwaite (Lab.-Soc.) 419, John Bieble (Soldier) 225. Socialist plurality (final) 230. South Okanagan. J. W. Jones (Con.) 1,832, L. V. Rogers (Lib.) 1,433. Con. majority (final) 449. Greenwood. Hon. J. D. MacLean (Lib.) 892, J. R. Jackson (Con.) 815, G. H. Pitman (Farmer) 1,100. Liberal plurality 190.

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CITY TO COMMENCE PROGRAMME OF WOOD CUTTING ON MONDAY.

(Continued from page 1.)

Should Apply Monday. "We have got our machinery into shape now," Alderman Sargent said, "and we will be able to start our programme on Monday morning. Men who wish to engage in cutting wood under the plan we have formulated should apply Monday. This programme, however, is of a temporary nature and is simply designed to tide the situation over until such time as the Federal and Provincial Governments or one of them agree to help us inaugurate a sewer programme which, of course, would afford relief for a greater period. "The meeting this morning," Alderman Sargent stated, "passed a resolution authorizing Alderman Andros, chairman of the Parks Committee, to give work to any man in the city who has been unable to secure employment elsewhere by allowing him to cut wood on the beaches about the city or to cut dead trees in Beacon Hill Park. For such wood the city will pay the men at the rate of \$3 a cord when the wood is cut and piled where it can be removed by wagons. The city will supply the men with axes, saws and the necessary tools. The city will sell the wood immediately to the public, thus helping to relieve the fuel shortage. We expect that people wishing to buy the fuel will, in many cases, come and take it away. The Situation. "This, of course, is all temporary and is designed to tide things over until something more extensive can be undertaken. The Federal Government, we have been informed by Hon. S. F. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture, is willing to give us money to be spent on actual charity—a sort of unemployment dole—provided the city puts up an equal amount and the Provincial Government does likewise. In addition, we understand that the Federal Government is prepared to advance one-third of the cost of a sewer program, provided the city advances two-thirds of a given sum. The trouble is that so far we have been unable to secure assurances from either Government that it will advance money—save as a loan in the case of the Provincial Government—except for the purpose of charity. Premier Oliver informed this morning that his Government maintained its previous position—that it stood ready to loan us money for work—which, of course, is of no more advantage than a loan from our bank—or to advance us money, provided the Federal Government and the city advanced equal amounts, to be used for charity. He has not agreed to give us any money save as a loan for employment purposes. We are hopeful, however, that the Federal Government will advance us money to be used not for charity, but for public works. If the Federal Government would advance one-third in this way and even if the Provincial Government would not, I believe the city would be prepared to go ahead with the plan and inaugurate an extensive sewer programme, spending perhaps up to \$50,000. I cannot speak for the whole Council, of course, but I believe that is the general feeling of the aldermen. "Dr. Tolmie has wired Ottawa to ask the Government if it will extend us money for public works instead of for charity. If the Government has had no reply, we hope, however, that by Monday we shall know exactly where we stand on this matter, and if we do know by Monday night that either Government is prepared to assist us, the City Council could proceed to map out a sewer programme which could be started immediately. I feel certain that a reasonable programme of public work would be started in the city right away if we got proper assurance. Rock Work. As stated, rock work will be started on the Johnson Street extension Monday morning, between fifteen and twenty men being employed. It is considered unlikely now that the city will decide to proceed with the actual paving of Esquimalt Road immediately unless the Provincial Government decides to increase the grant which it proposes to make toward the cost of this work. Local Situation. Few urgent applications for relief were laid before the Mayor this morning, in answer to the civic authorities' invitation, voiced at a meeting of the Community Council yesterday afternoon. It was agreed at this meeting that the suggestion of Alderman Sargent that the city through the Friendly Help Society, would give goods and necessities to serious cases of distress properly reported and investigated. Accordingly, the Mayor referred to the Friendly Help officials all applications made to him, either by people in distress or by various organizations. "The great trouble is," His Worship remarked to-day, "that the most deserving cases are not brought to our attention because many people are too proud to ask for help, and I have received few applications this morning. However, the Friendly Help is doing an immense amount of good by distributing food and standing ready to render immediate help to cases of distress reported to us." Adopts Cheerful View. The Mayor was inclined to adopt a cheerful view of the situation, and intimated that it had been painted in darker colors than was necessary by reports reported by these people had proved upon investigation by city officials he said, to be far less acute than had been stated. He did not say, however, that the situation here as serious as had been represented by people and organizations in their laudable efforts to collect relief funds. "While we will, of course, give relief to cases of immediate necessity, we do not wish to embark on a broad programme of charity," he declared. "If we can get money from the Provincial and Federal Governments, we want to use it not as a charity dole, but to provide employment and to prosecute useful works, such as the installation of badly-needed sewers. We hope, by the way, to do some sewer work anyway, and I can assure the citizens that every available dollar will be spent."

BRITISH EMPIRE RELIEF FUND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Additional subscriptions up to-day to the British Empire Relief Fund: H. E. Munday \$10.00, Anonymous 1.00, Friend 1.00, Anonymous 1.00, E. E. Richards 5.00, H. I. Smith 5.00, E. Campbell 5.00, H. B. Boggs Chap. I.O.D.E. 10.00, M. E. Lloyd 10.00, Miss B. Lucas 10.00, Friend 1.00, S. O. Bailey 5.00, B. C. Mess 5.00, G. Richards 1.00, Mrs. E. Brown 1.00, Mrs. Read 1.00, M. I. D. 2.00, Mrs. G. 2.00, Division XVI, Victoria High School, per Mrs. Georgina Clarke 6.50, B. Clarke 1.00, Mrs. Ford 1.00, J. Heasman 1.00, Mrs. G. D. Wilson 1.00, M. R. 1.00, Boy 1.00, Mrs. Robbins' Kindergarten 3.00, A. H. P. 2.00, A. Friend 5.00, W. Walker 3.00, A. Sutherland 2.00, A. Friend 2.00, Rae, David and Geo. Kikendall 2.00, A. Friend 1.50, Dorothy 1.50, J. E. Edford 2.00, A. Friend 2.00, A. Friend 3.10, Agnes, Alfred and Rod Hood 5.00, Presbyterian Church, Courtenay 39.30, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hodgson 10.00, Mrs. Coomber 2.00, K. M. G. 1.00, A. Friend 3.00, Augustin Symonds 3.00, A. Friend 5.00, W. Monk 5.00, A. Friend 10.00, Mr. and Mrs. R. Downwell 10.00, J. E. Cornwall 1.00, Joan and Margery 2.18, H. Friedman 5.00, Mrs. C. Burch 5.50, E. T. Pomeroy 1.00, A. Friend 1.00. Further contributions may be sent to 541 Fort Street, and Honorary Treasurer, Red Cross Society, Belmont House.

B. C. SURPLUS SOLDIER PROBLEM IS DENIED.

(Continued from page 1.) "The above is subject to reasonable safeguards as outlined in the letter of the Minister of Labor of Canada to the Minister of Labor for Ontario, dated December 14 and published in the press on December 17. The Ontario Government has since acquiesced in this plan. Fewer Returned Men Here. "Our figures here show 51,438 enlisted in British Columbia and only 15,842 were discharged there. "They also show less unemployment now in Vancouver than in the winter before the war. "Our policy for British Columbia is outlined above, and is the same as for other Provinces. As previously considered our public works there are larger than elsewhere. "The Province will contribute one-third the cost of relief plus such employment as may be possible to provide." Premier Oliver immediately telegraphed Ottawa. "We are now acting on that basis." City Ready to Start. Alderman Sargent was in communication with Premier Oliver to-day, and asked whether the city could start on its relief work this afternoon and be able to count on both Governments to contribute one-third the cost. "There are lots of urgent cases needing help and we are anxious to get them attended to at this Christmas season," said the alderman. "You can count on this Government for aid to the extent of one-third of the money you spend on

gratuitous relief," Premier Oliver announced. Following a talk he had with the Hon. S. F. Tolmie to-day, Premier Oliver said that he is now satisfied that the Dominion Government will come through with its one-third contribution to the aid the municipalities and the Provincial Government give.

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 New York, Dec. 24.—The day's trading was of a light character, though buying power was still absent. The majority of the traders were apparently out of the market to-day, holiday spirit prevailing in the street. Canadian Pacific closed slightly under yesterday's record. U. S. Rubber also suffered slightly. The general tone of the market seemed firm at the close, however.

High	Low	Last
Allis-Chalmers	28 1/2	28 1/2
Am. Beet Sugar	17 1/2	17 1/2
Am. Can Co. com.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am. Car Pdy.	117 1/2	117 1/2
Am. Cotton Oil	17 1/2	17 1/2
Am. In. Corp.	32 1/2	32 1/2
Am. Locomotive	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am. Sugar Ref.	27 1/2	27 1/2
Am. T. & T. Co.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am. Wool Com.	59 1/2	59 1/2
Am. Steel Pdy.	70 1/2	70 1/2
Am. Sun. Tob.	32 1/2	32 1/2
Anacosta Mining	20 1/2	20 1/2
Atlantic Gulf	102 1/2	102 1/2
Baltimore Local	32 1/2	32 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	54 1/2	54 1/2
Canadian Pacific	119 1/2	119 1/2
Central Leather	23 1/2	23 1/2
Crescent Steel	32 1/2	32 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	24 1/2	24 1/2
Chic. Mil. & St. P.	25 1/2	25 1/2
Ch. & N. W. Ry.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Cons. Gas	75 1/2	75 1/2
Chino Copper	17 1/2	17 1/2
Chile Copper	17 1/2	17 1/2
Corn Products	67 1/2	67 1/2
Distillers Sec.	18 1/2	18 1/2
Ice	13 1/2	13 1/2
Gen. Electric	118 1/2	118 1/2
Gen. Motors	124 1/2	124 1/2
Goodrich (B. P.)	24 1/2	24 1/2
High Valley	24 1/2	24 1/2
Hills & Lea, pref.	27 1/2	27 1/2
Inspiration Cop.	28 1/2	28 1/2
Int'l Nickel	12 1/2	12 1/2
Int'l Mer. Marine	11 1/2	11 1/2
Int'l Paper	49 1/2	49 1/2
Kennecott Copper	49 1/2	49 1/2
Lehigh Valley	24 1/2	24 1/2
Can. City Southern	17 1/2	17 1/2
Louisville Valley	24 1/2	24 1/2
Lack. Steel	49 1/2	49 1/2
Midvale Steel	20 1/2	20 1/2
Mex. Petroleum	20 1/2	20 1/2
Miami Copper	15 1/2	15 1/2
National Lead	67 1/2	67 1/2
N. Y. N. H. & H. R.	16 1/2	16 1/2
New York Central	65 1/2	65 1/2
Northern Pacific	77 1/2	77 1/2
N. Y. Ont. & Western	17 1/2	17 1/2
Nevada Cons. Copper	17 1/2	17 1/2
Pennsylvania R. R.	29 1/2	29 1/2
People's Gas	22 1/2	22 1/2
Pressed Steel Car	75 1/2	75 1/2
Reading	20 1/2	20 1/2
Ray	20 1/2	20 1/2
Republic Steel	29 1/2	29 1/2
Rio. Oil	22 1/2	22 1/2
Southern Pacific	20 1/2	20 1/2
Southern Ry. com.	21 1/2	21 1/2
Studebaker Corp.	41 1/2	41 1/2
Studebaker	41 1/2	41 1/2
Union Pacific	115 1/2	115 1/2
Utah Copper	48 1/2	48 1/2
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	63 1/2	63 1/2
U. S. Steel com.	28 1/2	28 1/2
U. S. Steel com. pfd.	32 1/2	32 1/2
Virginia Chem.	22 1/2	22 1/2
Western Union	118 1/2	118 1/2
Wabash R. R.	19 1/2	19 1/2
Willy's Overland	15 1/2	15 1/2
Washington Elec.	49 1/2	49 1/2

**TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE**

(Burdick Bros., Limited.)  
 New York funds, 17 1/2 per cent.  
 New York sterling, \$3.53 1/4.  
 Canadian sterling, \$4.13 1/4.

**TO-DAY'S TRADING IN WINNIPEG MARKETS**

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—The holiday spirit prevailed on the market, and as a result trading was dull and listless. After opening lower further recessions were made and at the low spot December wheat was off 1/4 and May 4 cents, both months showing a little strength later. The close was 1/4 to 3/4 cents lower.

Cash offerings were very light and the demand not so keen as on previous days. Premiums remained unchanged. The close showed a decline of 1/4 to 3/4.

The coarse grains were extremely dull and little business transacted. The offerings were light. Prices were ruling slightly lower, but the undertone was strong and stubborn.

Oats closed 1/2 cent lower; barley 3/4 to 1 cent lower; flax unchanged to 1 cent lower, and rye 1 1/2 cents higher to 1/2 cent lower.

Wheat—	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	159	159 1/2	159	159 1/2
May	182 1/2	182 1/2	182 1/2	182 1/2
Oct.	182 1/2	182 1/2	182 1/2	182 1/2
Dec.	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
May	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Oct.	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Barley—				
Dec.	80	80	80	80
May	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
Oct.	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
Flax—				
Dec.	204	204 1/2	204	204 1/2
May	160	160 1/2	160	160 1/2
Oct.	160	160 1/2	160	160 1/2

**LOCAL STOCK QUOTATIONS**

Symbol	Price
Athabasca Oil	46
Bowen Copper	46
R. C. Refining	25
R. C. Form. Oil	42
Boundary Bay Oil	41
Canada Copper	15.50
Cons. M. & S.	15.50
Drum Lumber	11
Empire Oil	40 1/2
Granby	15.00
Great West Perm.	48.00
Howe Sound	4.00
International Coal	45
McGillivray	10
Nugget	10 1/2
Pitt Meadows	10
Rambler Carbon	12 1/2
Silver Smith	20
Silver Star	20
Spargan Oil	10
Standard Lead	12 1/2
Stechik Mines	10 1/2
Surf Inlet	46
Victory Loan, 1924	92 1/2
Stewart Land	10.00
Trojan Oil	68 1/2

**LOCAL BOND MARKET**

(Supplied by Members of B.C. Bond Dealers' Association.)  
 Province of British Columbia 5 1/2% 1929, 94.45, yielding 6%.  
 Province of Alberta 4% 1922, 94.50, yielding 7%.  
 Province of Saskatchewan 5 1/2% 1924, 88.50, yielding 7%.  
 Province of Ontario 6% 1925, 90.25, yielding 6 1/2%.  
 P. G. E. Railway (guaranteed by B.C.) 4% 1947, 92.25, yielding 7 1/2%.  
 T. P. Railway (guaranteed by Saskatchewan) 4% 1924, 94.45, yielding 6 1/2%.  
 U. T. P. Railway (Lake Superior Div.) 4% 1924, 91.00, yielding 7%.  
 C. N. R. Railway (guaranteed by Manitoba) 4% 1920, 94.45, yielding 6 1/2%.  
 City of Vancouver 4 1/2% 1922, 82.27, yielding 6 1/2%.  
 City of Nanaimo 5% 1941, 71.12, yielding 7%.  
 City of Calgary 4 1/2% 1942, 64.34, yielding 7 1/2%.  
 City of Edmonton, 5% 1921, 74.57, yielding 7 1/2%.  
 City of Merritt, 6% 1942, 84.28, yielding 7 1/2%.  
 Municipality of Point Grey, 5 1/2% 1940, 84.25, yielding 6 1/2%.  
 Victoria New York Funds.

**EXCHANGE SUMMARY**

New York, Dec. 24.—Prime mercantile paper unchanged.  
 Exchange—sterling, demand, \$2.51 1/2; cables, \$2.52 1/4.  
 Canadian, demand, 5.90; cables, 6.10.  
 Guilders, demand, 21.25; cables, 21.50.  
 Lire, demand, 2.37; cables, 2.39.  
 Marks, demand, unchanged.  
 Greece, demand, 7.50.  
 Montreal, discount.  
 Time loans firm; all dates, 7 1/2 to 7 3/4. Call money steady at 7.

**GRAINS FIRM AT CLOSE TO-DAY**

(By Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)  
 Chicago, Dec. 24.—Grains showed no particular tendency here to-day, but buying was induced near the close on news of more export business.

Wheat—	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	167 1/2	171	169	171 1/2
March	166	166 1/2	166	166 1/2
May	163	163 1/2	163	163 1/2
Dec.	71	71	69 1/2	69 1/2
May	75	75 1/2	74	74 1/2
July	75 1/2	75 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Dec.	47 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
May	48 1/2	48 1/2	48	48 1/2
July	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2

**NEW YORK COTTON**

(By Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)

Symbol	Open	High	Low	Last
Jan.	14.10	14.21	14.00	14.15
March	14.20	14.30	14.07	14.25
May	14.75	14.87	14.61	14.67
July	14.80	15.00	14.70	14.75
Oct.	15.25	15.18	14.50	14.50
Dec.	14.70	14.82	14.50	14.70

**AT CLOSE TO-DAY**

Symbol	Price
Dec.	47 1/2
May	48 1/2
July	48 1/2

**MONTEAL MARKET**

Symbol	Price
Ames Holden, pref.	100
Bell Telephone	100
Brasilia Trac.	29 1/2
Can. Cement com.	55 1/2
Do. pref.	58
Can. Car. Pdy. com.	24
Do. pref.	24
Can. Gen. Elec.	62
Do. pref.	62
Cons. M. & S.	15 1/2
Domin. Bridge	74
Detroit United	74
Dom. I. & S.	42 1/2
Dom. Textile	101
Empire Oil	40 1/2
Laurentide Co.	84 1/2
Ontario Tel. Co.	175
Do. pref.	180
Penman Ltd.	19 1/2
Quebec Railway	100
Riverdon Paper	132
Shawmut	107 1/2
Spanish River Pulp	82 1/2
Do. pref.	83 1/2
Steel of Can.	57 1/2
Wayagamac Pulp	82 1/2

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Mat.	(1) 100	(2) 105	(3) 110	(4) 115	(5) 120	(6) 125	(7) 130
118	4.48	4.52	4.56	4.60	4.64	4.68	4.72
109	4.01	4.05	4.09	4.13	4.17	4.21	4.25
108	4.01	4.05	4.09	4.13	4.17	4.21	4.25
107	4.01	4.05	4.09	4.13	4.17	4.21	4.25
106	4.01	4.05	4.09	4.13	4.17	4.21	4.25
105	4.01	4.05	4.09	4.13	4.17	4.21	4.25
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## PROHIBITION VOTE IN FOUR PROVINCES WAS NOT HEAVY

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Final figures for the four Provinces which voted themselves bone dry on October 25, have been officially gazetted within the next few days. As it is expected that at least thirty days and perhaps six weeks will be allowed to elapse after the returns are gazetted before the necessary proclamation is issued giving the effect of the voting, it will probably be some time in February before the control of the liquor traffic passes entirely to the Provinces. In Nova Scotia, the combined

affirmative and negative vote was less than 50 per cent. of the total. In the Western Provinces the percentage of the vote cast was somewhat higher. The figures for the four Provinces follows. Nova Scotia, affirmative, 23,422; negative, 25,874; total, 49,296, with the total names on the voters' list, 218,908. Manitoba, affirmative, 68,831; negative, 55,956; total, 124,787, with total number of names on the voters' list, 218,908. Saskatchewan, affirmative, 36,949; negative, 55,257; total, 92,206, with total number of names on the voters' list, 274,958. Alberta, affirmative, 62,612; negative, 44,321; total, 106,933; total number of names on the voters' list, 201,374.

## TELL MINISTER

### OF CONDITIONS EXISTING HERE

#### Hon. S. F. Tolmie Outlines Government's Relief Plans

The Federal Government's policies in connection with the present unemployment situation were explained to the public organizations of Victoria, as amalgamated in the Community Council, at a meeting yesterday afternoon, by Hon. S. F. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture, who is here for a brief visit. The Federal Government is willing to co-operate with the municipalities and with the Provincial Government on a one-third basis in relieving unemployment distress, the Minister declared. "If the Provincial Government is unwilling to bear its third the Federal Government will put up its share anyway, provided the city advances two-thirds," Dr. Tolmie stated, and promised to get in touch with Ottawa immediately and put the local situation before the Government.

When it was pointed out to Dr. Tolmie that the city might not be able to raise enough money to adopt this scheme, Dr. Tolmie said: "If the municipalities are in too serious a situation to borrow, I anticipate the readiness of the Government to go ahead with the plan from another angle. The Dominion, however, does not intend to release the municipalities or the Provincial Government from their responsibility. The policy of the Government extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and I shall be surprised if \$40,000,000 will cover all cases. The money situation is very tight and the money not as available as it was two or three years ago. There should be no delay on the part of the Government, however, in the relief plan I have outlined. I shall push it at once and if the city will make the necessary application we should get immediate action."

The Minister announced that, during the afternoon, he had received from the Prime Minister a telegram stating that the head of the Canadian National Railways did not consider that it was necessary to proceed with any work on the Reserve at present. Dr. Tolmie promised, however, that he would press further for a start on the construction of the C. N. R. permanent terminals. The whole unemployment situation as it exists here was laid before the Minister by representatives of the various organizations. Conditions were described as extremely serious and it was even stated that men, desperate after failure to secure work, had been forced to steal to maintain themselves.

## TO LECTURE AT CHICAGO

#### H. H. Plaskett Leaves for Conference of Scientists and For His Wedding Later at Ottawa

H. H. Plaskett, of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory left yesterday for Chicago, where he is to take part in the American Astronomical Society's convention, and for Ottawa, where he is to be married. He will also attend the physics conference at the University of Toronto, which will last about two weeks. At the Chicago conference, attended by noted scientists from all parts of the continent, Mr. Plaskett will give the results of his study of "The Intensity Distribution in Typical Stellar Spectra." He will also read studies made by other members of the staff here including, "The Spectroscopic Orbit and Dimensions of Z Polipulsa," by Dr. J. S. Plaskett, director, "Notes on Nova Signa No. 3," and "Orbit of Boss 5070," by Dr. Harper and "Orbit of O Draconis," by Dr. Young.

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Lieut. Hotham's Reply. H. A. Davis made a few suitable remarks when passing the shield on to Lieut. Hotham and said: "It is an honor to be the recipient of this shield so generously presented to the boys of the Naval Brigade. The sympathy and interest you have always shown in the boys of the Naval Brigade will place on them the responsibility for the future that you have so nobly helped to carry in the past and I feel confident down in this trophy spirit that it is now received, carrying with it the traditions of those that have served to those that will serve their Empire in the future."

### Presents Flag

H. T. Ravenhill next presented to Lieut. Hotham for the local Brigade a handsome Union Jack bearing the emblem of the Navy League.

Mr. Ravenhill, who is chairman of the local branch of the league, said: "I am presenting this flag to you in memory of a son, and advised them to always live up to British traditions. He spoke of the work of the Brigade in glowing terms and reminded the boys of some of the splendid things that have been accomplished by the British Navy."

Among others who spoke briefly were: W. J. Edwards, secretary of the British Campaigners' Association,

## PRESENTS SHIELD TO

### BOYS' NAVAL BRIGADE

#### British Campaigners' Association Gives Emblem For Competition

A large and enthusiastic audience attended at the G.W.V.A. auditorium last night to witness the presentation of a beautiful silver shield to the Boys' Naval Brigade. The local brigade is now about eighty strong. They mustered at their headquarters in the Pemberton Building and marched to the G.W.V.A. under command of Lieut. W. M. Hotham, with bugle and brass bands leading. George Bushby, who acted as chairman, introduced W. C. Winkel, President of the British Campaigners' Association, and the latter presented the shield to H. J. Davis, Provincial President of the Navy League, who in turn presented it to Lieut. Hotham, of the local brigade. It was explained that the shield must be competed for annually.

### Conditions of Award

This shield to be competed for annually and awarded to the division within the Province of British Columbia which secures the greatest percentage of marks for general proficiency, based on the several points as follows: 1. All bends and hitches. 2. Short, land and back splices. 3. Whippings, wall and crown, manrope, Turk's head strops, point and graft, worming, parcelling and serving. 4. A thorough knowledge of the compass, its use and principles. To be able to box, to understand all orders given at the wheel, and the principle of the helm. 5. All lights carried by vessels, sound signals and the rule of the road. 6. To know and explain the different tacks and purchases. 7. Semaphore and the international code flags. 8. To understand the types and construction of the different ships' boats and gear carried by them. 9. To have knowledge of the different parts of a ship, and to distinguish the different rigs of sailing vessels. 10. To understand simple rules of First Aid, and the Schaefer Method of restoring the apparently drowned. 11. The lead lines, deep sea hand and deep sea sounding machine. 12. Anchors and cables. 13. Tidiness and cleanliness and general behaviour. 14. To make a fair competition among all Brigades, the maximum number to compete from each Brigade should consist of eight boys, but in the event of a being found to be unable to get that number then four must be the minimum and should any Brigade send less than four they shall not be allowed to participate in the competition.

The Senior Naval Officer of the Pacific Station and the local Board of Trade Examiner of Masters and Mates and a Merchant Seaman will be asked to officiate as judges of this competition."

### Lieut. Hotham's Reply

Lieut. Hotham then called the Company to attention and three rousing cheers greeted the British Campaigners as a token of appreciation. The University Military School, of Mount Tolmie, again has won the Canadian Rifle League shooting competition, open to cadet corps rifle teams throughout Canada, according to word received at the school yesterday. The competition was shot during the Summer at Clover Point at two ranges, 200 and 500 yards. The ranking of the first three teams in the Dominion-wide competition was as follows:— 1. University Military School, 2,390 (4 matches). 2. Calgary High School, 2,203. 3. Ottawa Collegiate Institute, 2,058.

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## FINAL VOTING TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

### Board of Trade Directorate Will Be Elected by Dec. 31

The final vote in the election of the Board of Directors of the reorganized Board of Trade will be taken next week, the ballots in connection with which will be sent out to members in Monday's mail.

### On the primary vote thirty-four names were selected from the entire membership. On the final ballot seventeen will be selected from among this number to form the directorate and when this is done all will be in readiness to take up the future policy and management of the Board's affairs.

The thirty-four members selected on the primary ballot are as follows: P. C. Abell, Macey-Abell Co.; James H. Blatty, Sprott-Shaw Business Institute; J. L. Beckwith, Clayquhos Sound Canning Co., Ltd.; A. C. Burdick, Burdick Bros.; B. Butchart, B.C. Cement—Coast J. O. Cameron; Cameron Lumber Co.; Alfred Carmichael, Franco-Canadian Corp.; Brig-Gen. R. P. Clark, R. P. Clark & Co.; L. J. B. Clearline, Barrister; John Cochrane, Druggist; C. T. Cross, Cross & Co.; S. J. Drake, Drake Hardware Co.; James H. Fletcher, Fletcher Bros.; A. C. Flomer, Flomer Bros.; J. C. Forman, Helsterman, Forman & Co.; C. H. French, Hudson's Bay Company; W. A. Jameson, Jameson Coffee Company; Steven Jones, Proprietor Dominion Hotel; Herbert Kent, Kent's Edison Store; Joshua Kingham, J. Kingham & Company; F. M. MacGregor, Mutual Life Insurance Co.; George MacGregor, Victoria Tug Company; R. W. Mayhew, Sidney Roofing & Paper Co.; B. C. Nicholas, The Daily Times; F. H. Pemberton, Pemberton & Son; J. C. Penny, British American Paint Co.; R. A. Playfair, Begg Motor Co.; P. B. Scurrah, Scurrah's Ltd.; J. J.

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Coats, regular \$31.50 to \$39.50, to clear at ..... **\$15.00**  
Coats, manufacturers' price, \$21.50, to clear at ..... **\$10.00**  
For full particulars see Tuesday's Times and Wednesday's Colonist.

LOCAL SCHOOL WINS DOMINION SHOOTING  
University School Again First in Nation-wide Competition

SAANICH REINSTATES ROAD SUPERINTENDENT  
Incoming Council Will Not Have Chaotic Works Department to Untangle

The WEATHER  
Daily British Columbia Daily British Columbia by the Victoria Meteorological Department  
Victoria, Dec. 24.—5 a. m.—The ocean storm of yesterday is crossing this Province and heavy rains have been gen-

eral southward to California, while in Central B. C. snow is reported. Zero weather continues in the prairie.

Reports.  
Victoria—Barometer, 29.42; temperature, maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 29; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .27; weather, raining.  
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.44; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 28; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, 1.20; weather, raining.  
Nelson—Barometer, 29.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 28; wind, calm; snow, 2.4 in.; weather, cloudy.  
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.40; temperature, maximum yesterday, 24; minimum, 22; wind, calm; snow, 2.4 in.; weather, cloudy.  
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 38; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.  
Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.28; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 42; wind, 22 miles N. E.; rain, 1.48; weather, raining.  
Penticton—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 36; snow, 2 in.  
Nelson—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 29; snow, 1 in.

Temperatures. Max. Min.  
Portland, Ore. .... 42 40  
Seattle ..... 46 40  
San Francisco ..... 50 48  
Grand Forks ..... 18 ..  
Granbrook ..... 29 ..  
Kaslo ..... 29 ..  
Calgary ..... Zero ..  
Winnipeg ..... -4 -10  
Ottawa ..... 37 ..  
Montreal ..... 38 ..  
St. John ..... 26 ..  
Halifax ..... 42 ..

Toddlers—If women played football they would not be injured as badly as the men.  
"Why not?"  
"They are invulnerable. Did you ever hear of women getting seriously hurt in a bargain sale rush?"